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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

2014/2015 CALENDAR YEAR

24TH August Beginning of a New Year in Zion-Voices of Zion Anniversary

31st August Return To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for the Month of August

4th September Fruitful Thursday

5th September Owode International Headquarters Revival

7th September Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving for the month of August

19th September Camp Prayer Meeting/ Vigil-Judah Camp

21st September Camp Anniversary-Judah Camp; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

26th September Glorious Vigil

28th September Return to the Lord, **1st Holy Communion**; Birthday Thanksgiving for the month of September; 50 Years and Above Elders' Thanksgiving.

1st October Special Revival/cum Service to mark the 54th Independence Anniversary of our Great Country Nigeria at 10.00AM

2nd October Fruitful Thursday

3rd -5th October Eternal Revival-1st Quarter Themed: "**He is Soon Coming Again in His Glory"- Acts 1:11**

5th October Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Grand Finale of Eternal Revival at our Owode International Headquarters Owode; Congregational Thanksgiving for the month of September

17th October Camp Prayer Meeting/ Revival-Reuben Camp

19th October High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

26th October Returning to the Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for the month of October

31st October Glorious Vigil

2nd November Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving for the month of October

13th -16th November **1st Holy and Righteous Convocation** Themed: "**He [the Lord] Reigneth in Zion"- Psalm 99:2**

16TH November Grand Finale of the HARC; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

21st November Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Dan Camp

30th November **Final Harvest Themed: Priding In Self Righteousness-Luke 18:9, 10-14; Birthday Thanksgiving for the month November; Returning to the Lord**

4th December Fruitful Thursday

7th December Prosperity Day in MORWORLD**;** Congregational Thanksgiving for the month of November

11th -14th December **2nd Holy and Righteous Convocation [HARC] Themed: "You Are My God, and I Will Confess, praise and give thanks to You; You are my God, I will extol You"- Psalm 118:28**

12th December Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Ephraim Camp

21st December High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

25th December Special Retreat cum Revival at 10.00 am

26th December Glorious Vigil

28th December Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for the month of December; 50 Years and Above Elder's Thanksgiving

31st December **THE CROSSOVER WITH THE LORD INTO 2015; 2ND HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT 10.00PM.**

2nd-4th January **ETERNAL REVIVAL 2ND QUARTER THEMED: "AS THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME, SO HAVE I LOVED YOU. NOW REMAIN IN MY LOVE"-John 15:9 NIV**

4th January Grand Finale of Eternal Revival at Owode International Headquarters at 10.00; Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on the month of December

9th January Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Judah Camp

11th January **CAMP ANNIVERSARY-REUBEN CAMP**

18th January High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

25TH January Returning To The Lord

30th January Glorious Vigil

February 1st Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving for the month of January

5TH -8TH February **3rd HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS CONVOCATION [HARC] THEMED: "WHEREFORE, O KING AGRIPPA, I WAS NOT DISOBEDIENT TO THE HEAVENLY VISION."-ACTS Of The Apostles 26:19**

11th February **COMMENCEMENT OF A FORTY DAY WHITE FASTING AND PRAYER IN MORWORLD**

13th February Camp Prayer Meeting /Vigil-Reuben Camp

15th February High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

22nd February Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for the month of February

27th February Glorious Vigil

1st March Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on the month of February

5th March Fruitful Thursday

13th March Camp Prayer Meeting/ Vigil-Dan Camp

15th March Camp Anniversary-Dan Camp; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

22nd March Returning To The Lord and End of Forty Day White Fasting and Prayer

27th March Glorious Vigil

29th March Palm Sunday; Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for the month of March; 50 Years and above Elders' Thanksgiving; 2nd Quarter Redemption Service for New Members

2nd April Fruitful Thursday

3rd April Good Friday-Service at our International Headquarters Owode at 10.00 am

5th April Resurrection Sunday; Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on the month of March

6th April Resurrection Monday-**3rd Holy Communion**

9th April Fruitful Thursday

10th -12th April **ETERNAL REVIVAL THEMED: "And so each of us shall give an account of himself [give answer in reference to judgment] to God."-Romans 14:12**

12th April Grand Finale of Eternal Revival at Owode International Headquarters at 10.00am

16th -19th April **4th Holy And Righteous Convocation [HARC] THEMED: "JESUS IS LORD TO THE GLORY OF THE FATHER"-Philippians 2:11**

17th April Camp Prayer Meeting/ Revival-Ephraim Camp

19th April Grand Finale of The Holy And Righteous Convocation; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

24th April Glorious Vigil

26th April Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for the month of April

1st May Owode International Revival

3rd May Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving for the month of April

7th May Fruitful Thursday

10th May **4th HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

15th May Camp Prayer Meeting/ Vigil-Judah Camp

17th May High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

24th May Returning To The Lord

29th May Glorious Vigil

31ST May Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for the month of May

4th June Fruitful Thursday

5th June Owode International Headquarters Revival

7th JUNE CAMP ANNIVERSARY-EPHRAIM CAMP

8th -15th June **5th AND SPECIAL CONVOCATION MARKING THE 61ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF THE CHIEF SERVANT**

14th June Commencement of MORWORLD Founder's Day Anniversary The World Over; **5TH HOLY COMMUNION**

16TH JUNE PRAISE THE LORD THE CHIEF SERVANT OF GOD IN MORWORLD BEGINS HIS 62ND YEAR RIGHTEOUS JOURNEY TODAY

19th June Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Reuben

21st June Returning To The Lord; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

26th June Glorious Vigil

28th June Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for the month of June; 50 years and Above Elder's Thanksgiving; 3rd Quarter Redemption Service

2nd July Fruitful Thursday

3rdJuly Owode International Headquarters Revival

5th July Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving for June

9th -14th July **6TH AND SPECIAL HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS CONVOCATION FOR THE 36TH FOUNDER'S DAY ANNIVERSARY OF MORWORLD**

14th July 36TH FOUNDER'S DAY ANNIVERSARY OF THE MISSION; USHERS ANNIVERSARY; 6TH HOLY COMMUNION

17th July Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Dan Camp

19TH July High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

26th July Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for the month of July

31st July Glorious Vigil

2nd August Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on the month of July;

7th August Owode International Revival

14th August Camp Prayer Meeting/ Revival-Ephraim

16th August **ANNUAL SHILOH CELEBRATION AND END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN MORWORLD 7TH HOLY COMMUNIONS; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood**

2015/2016 CALELDAR YEAR

17th August Opening of a New Year in Zion

23RD August Voices Of Zion Anniversary; Returning To The Lord

28th August Glorious Vigil

30th August Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for August

3rd September Fruitful Thursday

4th September Owode International Headquarters Revival

6th September Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on the month of August

11th September Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Judah Camp

13th September Camp Anniversary-Judah Camp

20th September High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

25th September Glorious Vigil

27th September Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for the month of September; 50 Years and above Elders Thanksgiving

1st October Special Revival/ cum Service for Nigeria our Great Country on the occasion of her 55 Independence Anniversary at 10.00AM

2nd -4th October **1ST ETERNAL REVIVAL THEMED: *"THEN HE showed me the river whose waters give Life"-The Relevance to You and Me-Revelation 22:1 "***

4th October Grand Finale of the Eternal Revival at our Owode International Headquarters; Prosperity Day In MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on the month of September

8th October Fruitful Thursday

16th October Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Reuben Camp

18th October High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

25th October Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for October

30th October Glorious Vigil

1st November Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on the month of October

5th November Fruitful Thursday

6th November Owode International Headquarters Revival/Vigil

12th -15th November 1st Holy And Righteous Convocation [HARC] THEMED: "Because of faith also Sarah herself received physical power to conceive a child,"-Hebrews 11:11

14th November Camp Prayer Meeting/Revival-Dan Camp

15th November Grand Finale of HARC; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

22nd November Returning To The Lord

29th November Final Harvest Themed: "If you had only known and had recognized God's gift and Who this is that is saying to you, Give Me a drink,"-John 4:9; Returning To The Lord;

Birthday Thanksgiving for November

3rd December Fruitful Thursday

4th December Owode International Headquarters Revival/Vigil

6th December Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on the month of November

10th -13th December 2nd Holy And Righteous Convocation [HARC] Themed: "You are My friends if you Keep on doing the things which I command you to do."-John 15:14

11th December Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Ephraim Camp

13th December Grand Finale of HARC

20th December High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

25th December Special Revival/Retreat at 10.00 AM

27th December Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for the month of December; 50 And Above Elders' Thanksgiving; Redemption Service

31st December CROSS OVER WITH THE LORD INTO 2016

3rd January Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on the Year2015

7th January Fruitful Thursday

8th -10thJanuary ETERNAL REVIVAL THEMED: "HIS GLORIOUS SECOND COMING AND YOU, HOW WILL IT BE?"

10TH January Grand Finale of Eternal Revival at Owode International Headquarters at 100.AM

15th January Camp Prayer Meeting/Revival-Judah Camp

17th January Camp Anniversary-Reuben Camp; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

24th January Returning To The Lord

29th January Glorious Vigil

31st January Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for January

4th February Fruitful Thursday

5th February Owode International Headquarters Revival/Vigil

7th February Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on January; **COMMENCEMENT OF THE FORTY DAY WHITE FASTING AND PRAYER IN MORWOLD**

11th -14th February 3rd Holy And Righteous Convocation Themed "ARISE [FROM the depression and prostration which circumstances have kept you-rise to a new life! Shine"-Isaiah 60:1

14th February GRAND FINALE OF HARC

19th February Camp Prayer Meeting/Revival-Reuben Camp

26th February Glorious Vigil

28th February Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for the month of February

3rd March Fruitful Thursday

4th March Owode International Headquarters Revival/Vigil

6th March Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on February

18th March END OF THE FORTY DAY WHITE FASTING AND PRAYER IN MORWORLD; Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Dan Camp

20th March Palm Sunday; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

25th March Friday Before Resurrection-Revival at 10.00AM At Owode International Headquarters

27th March RESURRECTION SUNDAY; RETURNING TO THE LORD; BIRHTDAY THANKSGIVING FOR MARCH; REDEMPTION SERVICE; 50 YEARS AND ABOVE ELDERS' THANKSGIVING

28th March First Day After Resurrection-3rd Holy Communion;

1st -3rd April **ETERNAL REVIVAL THEMED: "AFTER THIS I LOOKED AND BEHOLD, A DOOR STANDING OPEN IN HEAVEN"-Revelation 4:1**

3rd April Grand Finale of Eternal Revival- Worship at Owode International Headquarters at 10.00AM; Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving for March;

7th April Fruitful Thursday

15th April Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Ephraim Camp

17th April High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood;

21st -24th April 4TH HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS CONVOCATION THEMED; "FOLLOWING AFTER CHRIST WHAT ARE MY GAINS AND REWARD?"-Matthew 19:27-29

24TH April Grand Finale of HARC; Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for April;

29th April Glorious Vigil

1st May Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving for April

5th May Fruitful Thursday

6th May Owode International Headquarters Revival

15th May 4th HOLY COMMUNION; HIGH PRIESTLY LECTURE; IN-HOUSE NEIGHBORHOOD

20th May Camp Prayer Meeting/Revival-Judah Camp

22nd May Returning To The Lord

27th May Glorious Vigil

29th May Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for May

2nd June Fruitful Thursday

3rd June Owode International Headquarters Revival

5th June Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on the month of May

12th June -19th June 62ND BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY FOR THE CHIEF SERVANT OF GOD IN ZION THEMED: "WHEN THE LORD WILL CALL OUT TO ME"-Isaiah 6:8

14TH June COMMENCEMENT OF MORWORLD ANNIVERSARY 2016 AND FIFTH HOLY COMMUNION

17th June Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Reuben Camp

24th June Glorious Vigil

26th June Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for June; 50 Years and Above Elders' Thanksgiving

1st -3rd July ETERNAL REVIVAL THEMED: "AND I SAW LYING ON THE OPEN HAND OF HIM WHO WAS SEATED ON THE THRONE A SCROLL (BOOK) WRITTEN WITHIN AND ON TH BACK"- Revelation 5:1

3rd July Grand Finale of the Eternal Revival at our Owode International Headquarters at 10.00 AM

7th July Fruitful Thursday

10th-17thJuly 37th FOUNDER'S DAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF MORWORLD; HIGH PRIESTLY LECTURE; IN-HOUSE NEIGHBORHOOD

14THJULY THE D-DAY-FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION. WE ARE 37 YEARS OLD; 6TH HOLY COMMUNION; USHERS' ANNIVERSARY

22nd July Camp Revival/Vigil- Dan Camp

24th July Returning To The Lord

29th July Glorious Vigil

31st July Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for July

4th August Fruitful Thursday

5th August No Owode International Revival owing to incoming Shiloh

7th August Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on the month of July; Levites Anniversary and End of all Anniversaries for the year

21st August ANNUAL SHILOH AND END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR; 7TH HOLY COMMUNION, ALLELUIA

2016/2017 CALENDAR YEAR

26th August Glorious Vigil

28th August **VOICES OF ZION ANNIVERSARY; RETURNING TO THE LORD; BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING FOR AUGUST**

1ST September Fruitful Thursday

2nd September Owode International Headquarters Revival

4th Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on August

16th September Camp Payer Meeting/Vigil-Judah Camp

18th September Camp Anniversary-Judah Camp; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

25th September Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for September; 50 Years and Above Elders' Thanksgiving; Redemption Service

30th September Glorious Vigil

1st OCTOBER SPECIAL PRAYER AND SERVICE FOR THE 56TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSASRT FOROUR GREAT NATION NIGERIA AT 10.00 AM

2nd October Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on September

6th October Fruitful Thursday

7TH-9TH OCTOBER ETERNAL REVIVAL THEMED: "ROB NOT THE POOR [BEING TEMPTED BY THEIR HELPLESSNESS], NEITHER OPPRESS THE AFFLICTED AT THE GATE [WHERE THE CITY COURT IS HELD."-Proverbs 22:22

9th October Grand Finale of Eternal Revival at Owode International Headquarters

16th October High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

21st October Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Reuben Camp

23rd October Returning To The Lord

28th October Glorious Vigil

30th October Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for October

3rd November Fruitful Thursday

4th November Owode International Headquarters Revival

6th November Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on October

17th-20th November 1ST HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS CONVOCATION THEMED: "MY FAITH IS BUILT ON NOTHING ELSE BUT JESUS CHRIGHT AND RIGHTEOUSNESS"-Acts 4:12

18th November Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Ephraim Camp

20th November Grand Finale of HARC; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

25th November Glorious Vigil

27th NOVEMBER FINAL HARVEST THEMED: "I [ALSO] SAW THE DEAD, GREAT AND SMALL; THEY STOOD BEFORE THE THRONE, AND BOOKS WERE OPENED."-Revelation 20:12; RETURNING TO THE LORD; BIRHTDAY THANKSGIVING FOR NOVEMBER

1st December Fruitful Thursday

2nd December Owode International Headquarters Revival

4th December Prosperity Day in MORWORLD, Congregational Thanksgiving on November

15th -18th December 2ND HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS CONVOCATION THEMED: "THEN SAID I, HERE I AM, SEND ME"-Isaiah 6:8ef

18th December Grand Finale of HARC; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

25th December Special Retreat/Revival to Commemorate the Birth of the Savior Jesus Christ of Nazareth; Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for December; 50 Years and Above Elders' Thanksgiving

30th December Glorious Vigil

31st December THE CROSSOVER WITH THE LORD INTO 2017; 2ND HOLY COMMUNION

1st January Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on December;

5th January Fruitful Thursday

6th-8th January ETERNAL REVIVAL THEMED: "THEN HE SHOWED ME THE RIVER WHOSE WATERS GIVE LIFE SPARKLING LIKE CRYSTAL"-Revelation 22:1

8th January Grand Finale Eternal Revival at Owode International Headquarters,

15th January Camp Anniversary-Reuben Camp; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

20th January Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Judah Camp

22nd January Returning To The Lord

27th January Glorious Vigil

29th January Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for January

2nd February Fruitful Thursday

3rd February Owode International Headquarters Revival

5th February Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on January

12th February COMMENCEMENT OF THE FORTY DAY WHITE FASTING AND PRAYER IN MORWORLD

16th -19th February 3rd HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS CONVOCATION THEMED: "AND THE SMOKE OF THEIR TORMENT ASCENDS FOREVER AND EVER; AND THEY HAVE NO RESPITE (NO PAUSE, NO INTERMISSION, NO REST, NO PEACE DAY OR NIGHT-"-Revelation 14:11

17th February Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Reuben Camp

19th February Grand Finale of HARC; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

24th February Glorious Vigil

26th February Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for February

2nd March Fruitful Thursday

3rd March Owode International Headquarters Revival

5th March Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving February

17th March Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Dan Camp

19th March Camp Anniversary-Dan Camp; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

22nd March END OF THE FORTY DAY WHJITE FAST AND PRAYER

26th March Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for March; 50 Years and Above Elders' Thanksgiving

31st March Glorious Vigil

2nd April Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on March

6th April Fruitful Thursday

7th -9th April ETERNAL REVIVAL THEMED: "AGAIN I LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, I [SAW] A WHITE CLOUD, AND SITTING ON THE CLOUD ONE RESEMBLING A SON OF MAN, WITH A CROWN OF GOLD ON HIS HEAD.."-Revelation 14:14

9th April Grand Finale of Eternal Revival at our Owode International Headquarters at 10.00 AM

13th -16th April 4th HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS CONVOCATION THEMED: "YOUR WORD IS VERY PURE (TRIED AND WELL REFINED); THEREFORE YOUR SERVANT LOVES IT"-PSALM 119:140

14TH APRIL GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL REVIVAL

16TH APRIL RESURRECTION SUNDAY; HIGH PRIESTLY LECTURE; IN-HOUSE NEIGHBORHOOD

17th April **MONDAY AFTER RESURRECTION-3RD HOLY COMMUNION**

21st April Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Ephraim Camp

23rd April **CAMP ANNIVERSARY-EPHRAIM CAMP; Returning To The Lord**

28th April Glorious Vigil

30th April Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for April

4th May Fruitful Thursday

5th May Owode International Headquarters Revival

7th May Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on April

14th May **4TH HOLY COMMUNION**

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21st May High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

26th May Glorious Vigil

28th May Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for May

1st June Fruitful Thursday

2nd June Owode International Headquarters Revival

4th June Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving for August

11th -18th June 63RD ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM FOR THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHIEF SERVANT OF GOD IN MORWORLD

14TH JUNE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 38TH FOUNDER'S DAY ANNIVERSARY OF MORWORLD; 5TH HOLY COMMUNION

16th JUNE THE CHIEF SERVANT'S BIRTHDAY; CAMP PRAYER MEETING/VIGIL-REUBEN CAMP

18TH JUNE Grand Finale of the Birthday Anniversary Program; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

25th June Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for June; 50 Years and Above Elders' Thanksgiving

30th June Glorious Vigil

2nd July Prosperity Day in MORWORLD; Congregational Thanksgiving on June

6th July Fruitful Thursday

7TH -9TH JULY ETERNAL REVIVAL THEMED: "I AM WHO I AM AND WHAT I AM, AND I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE"-Exodus 3:14b

9th July Grand Finale of the Eternal Revival at Owode International Headquarters at 10.00AM

10th -16th July 38TH FOUNDER'S DAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF MORWORLD THE WORLD OVER

14th JULY 38TH FOUNDER'S DAY ANNIVERSARY OF MORWORLD; LEVITES ANNIVERSARY; 6TH HOLY COMMUNION

16TH July Grand Finale of Founder's Day Celebration; High Priestly Lecture; In-House Neighborhood

21st July Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Dan Camp

23rd July Returning To The Lord

28th July Glorious Vigil

30th July Returning To The Lord; Birthday Thanksgiving for July

3rd August Fruitful Thursday

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18th August Camp Prayer Meeting/Vigil-Ephraim Camp

20th AUGUST ANNUAL SHILOH ANNIVSERSARY AND END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR: ALLELUIA

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

We give God the Glory that is His all the time and in all places for He is good always and His mercies endless and unrestrictively given to all who will righteously seek Him.

We thank the Lord Almighty for the Grace He has been providing us to reaching you through the erstwhile *Zion Pathfinder* but now known as *The Pathfinder of MOSES OLUWASEGUN RUFAI WORLD OUTREACH [Morworld Outreach].* While it is not our responsibility to quantify the goodness of God Almighty and His effectiveness in the giving and use of this daily Devotional, we want to acknowledge His overwhelming power and hand in all that is this devotional. We are most grateful to you Father of all Providence and we shall always rely on your goodness to us all who are most blessed in the making and use of *The Pathfinder of Morworld.*

In this new edition for the years 2015, 2016, and 2017, we are more committed to bringing you the Word, indeed, His Word as never before in His Grace and revelation. We are also happy to inform you that you can get us online as you log into our web ***www.morworld.org*** and for free also for this daily meal and drink of His Blood and eating of His Flesh. However, I urge you all to ensure you partake of the daily eating of His Flesh and the drinking of His Blood as we go through the daily program of reading through and studying the entire Bible once at least in a year. You will be most blessed by doing this.

In case this is your first time of coming across us, this devotional contains a total of 1095 ministrations excluding the leap year. But as good as these sermons are, they are not to be substituted for the real meal of the Body of Christ and His Blood which is the reading of the Scriptures on a daily basis such that at the end of the year you would have gone over the entire Bible for once at least. Also, I urge you to complement this devotional with at least two others from any true Bible Reading Church or Mission such that you can compare the Word of God in His wisdom. Ours is freely given which we expect you to freely receive in the name of the Lord.

In case you want an interactive session, you can meet with the prophet who is commissioned and enabled by God Almighty to reach you through this medium on the Missions' email the same which is ***info@morworld.org*** and we shall be most pleased to relate to you most righteously and confidentially too.

You are most blessed in Him always. Alleluia, amen.

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10th Destruction awaits the bloodthirsty, liars, and the deceitful

11th When Their Excellencies will hold you guilty

12th Why the Lord will bless the uncompromisingly righteous always

13th coming into your year of the death of King Uzziah

14th When the voice of the Lord shakes your foundation

15th Seeing the Seraphim coming from His altar-the miracle involved

16th Hearing the voice of salvation

17th When He decides to leave you in your intransigence

18th When His Spirit in you is grieved and roused to anger

19th Getting involved in His apologetics

20th When you are taken to the Areopagus

21st Why you must be led by the Holy Spirit in His ministration

22nd Knowing and affirming the existence of the Almighty God

23rd When and why God has ignored your ages of ignorance

24th Joining the bandwagon of the faithful-rewards therein

25th Why you must live a grief free life in Christ Jesus

26th Being made whole in Christ Jesus our Savior

27th Casting a back view to your pre-salvation days

28th Knowing His way to and on the Cross

MARCH

1st When the Lord God sends you

2nd When and why the Lord gas given up on your intransigence

3rd Pray never to come into His judgment at all

4th Going to God for yourself [your own good]

5th The consequences of obeying Him 1

6th The consequences of obeying Him 2

7th When it is righteous to remind God of one's good deeds

8th Having the boldness to seek God's judgment

9th With what are you pregnant-righteousness or mischief?

10th Excellent, majestic, and glorious is our Lord God

11th God's unique way of proving Himself

12th When and why God would put all under your feet

13th Recounting and telling aloud God's power through praises 1

14th Recounting and telling aloud God's power through praises 2

15th Arise, O Lord! And let me not be put to shame

16th After what really?

17th Staying together and working together

18th Arguing and discoursing every time

19th Having no fear, speaking and not keeping silent

20th When your Apollos is grossly inadequate for the message

21st Doing good to all always and in all situations

22nd Do unto others as you would want others to do unto you

23rd Recognizing and following our fatherly standard

24th Peradventure you're living for a time as this

25th Did you know the Holy Spirit really?

26th Persuading, arguing, and pleading about the Kingdom of God

27th When the Lord does unusual and extraordinary miracles through you

28th How much of His miraculous have you witnessed of late?

29th When you will be faked by satanic brethren

30th Why dabble into the unknown?

31st When the preaching of the Word attracts lost souls as expected

APRIL

1st Proving your faithfulness through them

2nd Greater honor in Jesus than all else

3rd Why believers will always err and led astray?

4th Today hearken and be not deceived by the deceitfulness of sin

5th When there would be a woman in need of salvation

6th Recognizing the passage of power through and in you

7th When your faith will heal you

8th Trusting truly in the mercy and loving-kindness of the Lord always

9th singing His praises daily and continuously

10th Why the fool is foolish

11th Are you lacking in understanding? Come to God today

12th There is God Almighty- Remember this always

13th Dwelling temporarily and permanently in His holy hills

14th He who does these things shall never be moved

15th When your Demetrius brings no small gain to your adversary

16th When all the province and the whole world worships vain god

17th Have you seen the New Heaven, the New Earth, and the New Jerusalem?

18th What was the last revelation you had of the Lord?

19th Do you know the voice of the God? Have you ever heard it before?

20th It is done says the Alpha and Omega

21st What you inherit when victorious

22nd Unraveling the apocalypses

23rd Knowing the truth of your being in Jesus Christ

24th Destined to live for the praise of Christ's glory

25th Why the sorrows of those who choose other gods will be multiplied

26th Why God will keep and protect me

27th Why I shall not be moved in any and all situation

28th Showing me the path of life

29th When the Lord will visit you, what will He discover?

30th Why the Lord will ever incline His ears to you and hear you

MAY

1st Knowing God's marvelous loving-kindness

2nd Arise O Lord and deliver my life from the wicked

3rd Continuing beholding His face in His righteousness

4th When to say farewell to the brethren

5th When last did you accompany the man of God on his journey?

6th Discussing Scripture until midnight

7th How do you perceive your Eutychus?

8th Making no ado about challenges

9th What's your manner of living?

10th Serving the Lord with humility in adversity

11th Not shrinking from telling the truth in Christ Jesus

12th When the Holy Spirit decrees and affirms imprisonment and suffering

13th When imminent death is perceived

14th Taking care and being on guard for yourself

15th Watching over the flock of the Almighty against wolves within

16th And now brethren I commit you to God

17th Have I coveted any man's thing or things?

18th Pointing out everything by personal examples

19th Why be sorrowful to the truth?

20th Going on visions and revelations of the Lord

21st Knowing not just a man but many men in Christ Jesus

22nd What it involves to boast of this man's experiences as opposed to one's

23rd Keeping me from being puffed up and too much elated

24th When you will call thrice and He will not incline His ears

25th When His grace is sufficient and enough for you always

26th When you will not know

27th What do you say of glory of God Almighty?

28th When the stars of His creation are mute in His glorious revelation

29th Understanding the nature of God's Law

30th What the reverent fear of the Lord does

31st Can your eye see itself except through reflection?

JUNE

1st Being acceptable in the sight of the living God

2nd Winning crown of eternal blessing

3rd Loving the Lord fervently and devotedly

4th Why and why He would give great deliverances to His King?

5th Why He would answer you in the day of trouble

6th Remembering your offerings and accepting your sacrifices

7th Who is your trust?

8th Give victory O Lord to me

9th Why you will joy in the Lord

10th Why you will forever be blessed in Him

11th When the Lord is exalted in His Strength over us

12th Seeing and knowing the holy God

13th Learning from our father's faith in God

14th Knowing God even from your mother's womb

15th Coming into His prophetic long before the time

16th Why Kingship and Kingdom are His?

17th We all live by His power and grace

18th Tearing yourself away from the brethren and proceeding

19th Responding to the prompting of the Holy Spirit

20th Coming into the house of Philip the Evangelist

21st Discerning the difference between prophesying and being a prophet

22nd Knowing your Mnason

23rd Danger inherent in asking the Lord to do our desires

24th Knowing the limit of the Savior

25th Emulating the service spirit of the Savior

26th When the King will send his captain to seize you

27th The Lord is my Shepherd-What it means?

28th Other benefits of making the King your Shepherd

29th Walking through the shadow of death with the Lord

30th Sureties and certainties in the Lord Jesus Christ

JULY

1st Knowing the truth of the earth

2nd Qualifications for going up into the mountain of the Lord

3rd Reward of being qualified to mount His Tabernacle

4th Knowing the generation of the Lord

5th Giving way to the King of Glory to coming into you

6th Unto God Almighty I bring my all

7th What it means to trust and lean on the Lord God

8th Shame awaits all who forsake righteous doing

9th What it means for Him to be God of your salvation

10th Leading and teaching the humble His Way

11th Why God will always pardon your iniquity

12th Coming into the sweet, satisfying companionship of the Lord

13th Why my eyes should ever be towards the Lord God and to none else

14th You are my Refuge and Trust, so let me not be ashamed

15th Preservation in integrity and uprightness

16th Submitting to the authority of the elders of the church

17th Detailing God's working through us

18th When reason has to prevail even in His ministration

19th Purifying yourself along with others-the Pauline example

20th inciting the rabbles or the mixed multitudes in His congregation

21st When and why the whole of Jerusalem was in a ferment?

22nd Seeing and knowing Paul in His apologetics

23rd Why the Lord will bring you to the good Land Promised?

24th Blessing the Lord your God in all His blessings

25th Not forgetting the Lord your God in your affluent

26th Remembering and honoring the Lord Who fed you with manna

27th Why you must earnestly remember your God

28th Obeying in your own interest

29th Finding then Lamb for your burnt offering

30th God Himself has provided the sacrificial Lamb in Christ Jesus

31st When you are ready you will always find Him ahead of you

AUGUST

1ST Not laying hand on the lad or doing anything to Him

2nd Knowing when to name it Jehovah Jireh

3rd What exactly do you love?

4th Walking in integrity

5th When and why I will fear no one

6th Being hidden in the secret shelter of the Lord God Almighty

7th Waiting for and hoping for the Lord

8th To whom do you cry when in distress?

9th Blessed be the Lord in the highest heavens

10th God as your unyielding Strength and Stronghold

11th Save your people O Lord God and bless and keep them

12th When the need arises to call your detractors brethren

13th When your detractors will hear you in their own language

14th When and why Jesus will introduce Himself to you

15th When last did you fall into a trance? What is it like?

16th Is it lawful to flog a minister of Christ uncondemned?

17th Knowing the nature of all evil doers

18th

19th Knowing the destiny of the throne iniquity

20th Teaching transgressors the way of the Lord

21st Why God must have mercy upon you and me

22nd Being conscious of your transgression

23rd God desires truth in our inner self

24th Being satisfied in His gladness and joy alone

25th When He creates in us a new heart

26th Restoration of His joy salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit

27th Ascribing all to His goodness

28th Knowing the Lord Who Alone sits over the deluge

29th Why the Lord will give impenetrable strength and peace

30th Extolling the Lord God of your peace always

31st Yes God is angry as a Being but only for a moment

SEPTEMBER

1st When the Lord will turn your mourning into dancing for you

2nd O Lord my God I will give thanks to you

3rd Living before God perfectly

4th Stirring a great uproar among adversary

5th God is about to strike your whitewashed wall

6th When the Lord will stand by you the very following night

7th When your enemies bound themselves in unrighteous oath against you

8th Finding out knowledge and discretion in wisdom, God's Really

9th The worshipful fear of the Lord is the hatred of evil

10th What do you have in the Lord?

11th Seeking the Lord early and diligently in love

12th Finding riches, honor and enduring wealth

13th Walking in the way of spiritual and moral rectitude

14th Inheriting His riches and having your treasures filled

15th Having the wrong perspective of faithing in Jesus the Nazarene

16th Guarding and keeping yourself against all covetousness

17th Watching out against the I, I, and I alone syndrome

18th Noting God's response to the big fool

19th In whom do your trust lie?

20th Following up in your trusting of Him

21st Not paying regard to vain idol but leaning on God Most High

22nd Save me for Your Mercy's sake and in Your loving-kindnes

23rd I said in my haste and alarm, I am cut off

24th Loving the Lord God all ye saints

25th Being continually blessed in His forgiveness

26th Initial consequences of non-confession

27th Praying to God for His forgiveness

28th When the Lord will counsel with His eyes upon you

29th When the Lord will use just anyone for His purpose

30th When the unrighteous orders over you according to His will and decree

OCTOBER

1st Rejoicing in the Lord in His uncompromising righteousness

2nd Coming into the knowledge of the Word of God

3rd The deathlessness of God's counsel

4th The benefit of having God as your Lord nationally and otherwise

5th It is by His grace not by anybody's doing

6th Knowing God's mercy and loving-kindness in proportion to our waiting

7th What is righteous all the time

8th Magnifying the Lord and getting others to join in doing same

9th One reward of fearing reverently the Lord

10th Come and see who and what our Lord is made of

11th God's unrestricted availability to the uncompromisingly righteous

12th Knowing the nature of the consistently righteous 1

13th Knowing the nature of the consistently righteous 2

14th Also knowing the nature of the consistently wicked

15th The final Word of His

16th Knowing all the knowable

17TH Confession of the way in and of the Lord

18th Alarming your opponents through your continued argument of Christ

19th Foreseeing the consequences of unrighteousness

20th The New Covenant foretold in the Old, one time too many

21st Knowing the first covenant that is

22nd Knowing the nature of the New Covenant

23rd Forgiving our iniquity and seriously remembering them no more

24th Noting the heavenly vision

25th Never ever rebelling against the Lord God again

26th Learning from the ox and the donkey the vital knowledge

27th Hiding His Word in your heart to avoid sinning

28th Contend with my contenders O Lord

29th Confounding and shaming your enemies

30th Being joyful and rejoicing in the Lord

31st Praising and thanking God in His assembly

NOVEMBER

1st Transgression is indicative of absence of the fear of God in one's heart

2nd Knowing more about the heart of the evil man

3rd Knowing enough of the Lord's mercy and loving-kindness

4th The final end of workers of iniquity

5th Being diligent and forward looking as the Lord has purposed

6th Evangelism is no crime

7th Appealing unto your Caesar

8th Forcing your Festus to concur with you

9th Knowing the Jesus of Nazarene regardless of what others call Him

10th Proclaiming Christ the King through His persecution

11th Finding no evil in you

12th Having nothing incriminating to write against you

13th Why give thanks to the Lord God Almighty?

14th The redeemed of His owe Him this much

15th Knowing there is deliverance in the day of trouble

16th Oh that men would praise and confess the Lord God

17th Why God will bow down your head with hard labor

18th Knowing Him as the life of all righteousness

19th When you will hear the good news of God in your course

20th Relating the seeing of God's holy angels

21st Angels as higher messengers of His

22nd Knowing that God sees all believers equal in the faith

23rd Who are you to intervene in the workings of the Almighty?

24th God working His way through all situations

25th Being wise and intelligent

26th Not being earthly and satanically wise

27th Knowing the features of the heavenly wisdom

28th Knowing how to come into His wisdom

29th Going into the house of God dejected; the miracle that follows

30th Not fretting yourself at all

DECEMBER

1ST Trusting the Lord and doing good always

2nd Delighting yourself also in the Lord, what it means really

3rd Committing your all to the Lord God Almighty

4th Being still and resting in the Lord God

5th Ceasing from anger and wrath-the how of it all

6th Waiting on Him as to inherit the earth

7th Righteous better than abundance in wickedness

8th It is wicked to borrow and not to pay back

9th Knowing the benefit of being blessed of the Lord God

10th Why the steps of the righteous is always directed by the Lord?

11th Knowing that the righteous falls but he's pulled up again

12th Reminiscences

13th Panacea for perpetual dwelling

14th Knowing other features of the Righteous

15th Another reason to wait and heed God's way

16th Salvation is of the Lord God Almighty

17th Pleading with and in the Lord of the heavens

18th Establishing the truth of the Almighty in Scriptural terms

19th Non-confession of sin compounds the punishment

20th Confessing all your all to Him

21st Asserting hope in the Lord

22nd Genuinely feeling sorrow for one's sin

23rd The right prayer to Him always

24th Taking heed and guarding one's ways

25th Knowing the end of your being in the Lord God Almighty

26th Where lies your hope and expectations

27th Hearken unto me O Lord

28th Praying the Lord to Lord to look away from your sin

29th When appearing before the world's King Agrippa

30th Righteously living as a Pharisee even in His Grace

31st Why doubt the powers and limitless abilities of God Almighty

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JANUARY

1ST Antagonizing the Gospel of Christ-the Pauline example

2nd Seeing His Light at the midday O King

3rd Are you always disobedient to the heavenly vision, His vision for you?

4th Having and knowing the help which comes from the Almighty

5th Being declared mad for Christ

6th Speaking with bold frankness and confidence

7th Making a Christian of all even if offhand

8th Making others become like you but only in Christ Jesus

9th When your adversaries are convinced you deserve not death in Christ

10th When your Agrippa and Festus are convinced you are liberty worthy

11th Why God will always draw you out of the miry clay and horrible pit

12th Why He is putting a new song on your mouth

13th Being blessed in making the Lord of your Trust and Refuge

14th Many are your wonderful works in my life

15th Why God is not delighted in sacrifice and offering

16th Not restraining our lips in His proclamation

17th Being preserved continually in His Truth

18th The wisdom in ever considering the weak and the poor

19th Lord trest my inner self in your mersifulness and grace

20th Who is truly a friend indeed?

21st Panting and longing for you O Lord

22nd Knowing your inner self

23rd Treating others with kindness and care-the Julius example

24th When little progress is made and the wind will not permit further growth

25th When the journey is precarious and disastrous

26th When it seems alright to follow your reason

27th Being dangerously tossed around in the sea of unbelief

28th When neither sun nor stars are visible and tempest kept raging

29th Men, you should have listened to me

30th Being of good spirits and taking heart in troublous times

31st Do not be frightened brethren

FEBRUARY

1ST Believing with the but

2nd The same day with and in Jesus

3rd When other seeds fell on the good ground

4th Knowing then True Vine

5th Being cleansed and pruned already in the Word

6th Cut off from the vital union with Christ you are nothing

7th Why God will always judge and vindicate you

8th God my Strength and Stronghold

9th God my exceeding Joy; what about you?

10th Showing he works of God in His Word

11th What it means for God to be your King

12th The good in not eating anything for long

13th Boasting in the Lord all day and thanking Him in same

14th Pushing and treading down our enemies in the name of God

15th Awaking God from His sleep

16th Bering killed all day for the Lord God Almighty-what it means

17th Raising God up for your help

18th Seeing the unseen Savior and Lord of all

19th Making the name of the Lord Eternal in all generations

20th Contending with the loss of the ship

21st Knowing the true condition for being saved always

22nd Learning to taking food for strength in turbulence

23rd Breaking and eating the bread-issues involved

24th Refusing the sinful counsel of the soldiers

25th When all escapes safely as the Lord has decreed

26th Refusing to be made Lord whether knowingly or not

27th Responding adequately to wanting to making God out of you

28th Being His disciple truly

29th Knowing the truth and allowing the truth to know one

MARCH

1st Not being slave to sin any more

2nd Knowing the power of liberation from sin truly belongs to the Son

3rd Working out your own salvation yourself

4th Knowing that it is God Who is all effectively working in you

5th Doing all things in faith and not questioning God Almighty

6th Showing yourself blameless and guiltless

7th Holding out and offering the Word of life to all

8th Knowing what Christ's Father has promised

9th Knowing God the Refuge and Strength of all believers

10th Knowing the God of the heavens in her midst

11th Come and behold the workings of God

12th Knowing the Lord God further in His workings

13th Learning to knowing God in being still

14th Shouting to God with the voice of triumph

15th Singing praises to God our Lord

16th Knowing the greatness of your Lord

17th God's revelation of Himself in His Palaces

18th God's name equals His praise

19th Rejoicing in the righteous judgment of the Lord God

20th Knowing that this Living God is ours forever and ever

21st Being safe on the land of the living

22nd Naturally showing unusual and remarkable kindness

23rd Shaking off the small creature from your life and suffering no evil

24th Being guest and being welcome by your Publius

25th Thanking the Lord for your brethren and receiving godly courage

26th The truth of the denounciation of Christ's Gospel all over

27th Preaching Christ and God's Kingdom with boldness and quite openly

28th Is the story and truth of the Cross sheer absurdity to you and your household?

29th We preach Christ the Messiah crucified; who do you preach?
30th Knowing Jesus the Power and Wisdom of God

31st Lying in the name of the Lord?

APRIL

1st When and why it is necessary to cry unto the Lord your God

2nd Bring me another vessel-the widow example

3rd When last do you come and inform the man of God?

4th Hearing and giving ear to the Gospel

5th No ransom for life outside of Christ Jesus Who is Lord and God

6th Why seeking to perpetuate yourself in the earth that will soon perish?

7th Knowing the man who lacks understanding in wisdom

8th Knowing the Mighty One, the Lord God Almighty Himself

9th Will God eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

10th Knowing the irreligious worshipper

11th Glorifying the Lord God in praise and thanks offering

12th What it means to sit and slander your brother

13th Thanking my God through Christ for my all and for your all

14th Yearning to seeing you for impartation

15th What part are you playing in His Gospel ministration?

16th Knowing His eternal power and divinity

17th Why God will give up on some

18th Blessing the Lord and His holy Name

19th Forgetting not one of all His benefits

20th Listing all to remember all and forgetting none

21st Knowing the Almighty in His mercifulness and graciousness

22nd Knowing and questioning the mercy and loving-kindness of God

23rd Knowing what the Maker knows of you

24th Coming to terms with your last words before your last breathe

25th Recognizing the Spirit of God in you

26th Hearing and recognizing the Lord God speaking in and through you

27th Knowing the haste-coming God

28th Telling God what He already knows-any sense in doing this?

29th Putting confidence in God and taking refuge in Him

30th Knowing the accompaniments of His trust

MAY

1st Beseeching God to hasten up in coming near

2nd Telling of His righteous acts and deeds all day long

3rd Staying alone in the Lord to declare His might to generations yet unborn

4th Do you know this much?

5th Are you aware of the caring function of the Holy Spirit in you?

6th Knowing Him Who searches the heart and Who alone knows the mind

7th And we know-How much have you known really

8th What then is to be said to all these?

9th Who is bringing any charge against God's elect, who really?

10th Separate from Christ's love? No never!

11th Yes! I am persuaded, what about you?

12th Not believing or putting faith in all spirit

13th Even spirits are commanded to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord

14th Recognizing the children of God and listening to them

15th Being happy upon casting your seed upon the wasters

16th Royal supplications to the Lord God Almighty

17th Knowing that the name of the Lord is eternal

18th The Lord be blessed forever and ever amen

19th God is good to all who seek His favor

20th Is there knowledge in the Most High

21st Asking the self the greatest question

22nd Knowing that all far from God will perish

23rd Continuing to holding on to sound doctrines

24th Knowing the Scripture from the privileged youth? How blessed you are

25th Acknowledging that all Scripture is God breathed

26th When the Lord passes by you.

27th What it is like hearing the voice of the Almighty

28th What it means for God to save

29th In your faithfulness O Lord, put an end to the enemies

30th Knowing the different offerings of the Lord

31st Why God will listen to your prayers and not hide Himself from you

JUNE

1st Asking God to destroy evil schemes and confuse the enemy

2nd When a friend is the worst enemy-knowing what to do

3rd Calling upon the Lord for His salvation all the time

4th Betraying the trust of the trusted

5th Releasing the weight of your burden on the Lord God

6th Assuming the godliness of the Lord God Almighty

7th Lord be merciful and gracious to me your servant

8th Relying on His help always

9th Putting confidence in God is not being afraid

10th No justification in condemning another

11th Another reason why you don't condemn others

12th How not to store up wrath and indignation for self

13th Knowing God's fairness in His judgment

14th Knowing the essence of the Law of God

15th Boasting in the Law and yet dishonoring the Lord of Law

16th Doer of the Law is the keeper of the Law

17th Knowing and recognizing the real true Christian

18th Concluding our recognition of His truth

19th Coming to terms with the advantages of the Jews and the Christians

20th Recognizing the righteousness of God apart from the Law

21st In Adam all sinned; in Christ all are justified for life

22nd Banishing our carnal pride on the principle of faith and faithing

23rd Justification and uprightness only by faith in Christ

24th Is God merely for the Jews only? No! He is for all of us-Jews as well as non-Jews

25th Knowing the firmly relying faith in Jesus Christ

26th Seeking refuge in the mercifulness and graciousness of the Father

27th Exalting the Lord God above the heavens

28th Knowing the extent of the mercies and loving-kindness of the Almighty

29th Praying the imprecatory

30th Praying deliverance from all enemies of the Lord

JULY

1st Letting your enemies live to see your God given good

2nd Singing your praises O Lord my Strength always

3rd What gaineth our father Abraham?

4th Blessed is the man the Lord credits with righteousness outside of work

5th Is the blessing of faith meant only for the circumcised?

6th Circumcision only a token of the righteousness in faith of Christ

7th Knowing Abraham through the righteousness of faith

8th Grace as the unmerited favor of the Almighty through faith

9th Acknowledging the Lord Who gives life to dead things

10th Exploring the hopelessness of Abraham in God's hope

11th Satisfaction in God's ability to do as He has promised

12th Ordained betrayal as a way to divine propitiation in Christ Jesus

13th Taking a cup, giving thanks, and giving it out

14th Reexamining the mockery of Jesus Christ thw Lord God

15th Does God ever reject His own?

16th Prolonging the King's life from now until eternity

17th Waiting in silence for God alone or what?

18th Knowing your only Rock, Salvation, Defense, and Refuge

19th Extolling the impenetrableness of the Lord God

20th Hearing God once He has spoken and obeying totally

21st Knowing the mouth of the King should not transgress

22nd Grasping the truth of having His Peace of reconciliation

23rd Exulting and joying always in the peace of the Lord God

24th Appreciating the love of God poured in us through His Spirit

25th Seeing sin as the sting and the Law as the power of sin

26th One man's sin equals death; another Man's Righteousness is life to all

27th Knowing that one man's disobedience is erased by one Man's eternal obedience

28th Where sin increases grace super abounds the more

29th Though Christ Jesus was crucified in weakness He lives on in the power of God

30th Recognizing the blessedness of God the Father of Jesus Christ

31st Knowing why you are comforted by the Comforter Himself

AUGUST

1st Safety in leaning, trusting, and putting confidence in the Lord

2nd Awaiting Justice from on high

3rd Discerning the double abomination

4th Revisiting the doctrine of imputation

5th One evil implication of worshipping the false god

6th Teaching and forever teaching Christ to the self and to all others

7th When our friend Lazarus is at rest and needs reawakening

8th When houses and fields shall be purchased again in your desert

9th When God is beginning to scatter your enemies

10th Singing praises to God and to His holy name

11th Seeing God as the Father to the fatherless and a husband to the widows

12th Further characterization of our loving God Almighty

13th Seeing the Lord's women in His ministration

14th Are you aware and familiar with the Lord's scattering of Kings?

15th Knowing the mountain mystery of the Lord God

16th Coming to terms with our daily burden bearing God

17th God as the God Lord of deliverance and salvation

18th Congregationally praising and thanking the Lord Most High

19th Kings shall bring gifts to the Lord in Jerusalem

20th Rebuking the wild beasts of Bashan in your life

21st Singing praises to Him Who rides the heavens

22nd When it is most righteous to call on God

23rd When seemingly consumed in the zeal of the Lord God

24th When in great distress of the enemy

25th When and why the habitations of your enemies will be desolate

26th Blotting out of your enemies from the books of life and living

27th When the trinity of the heavens, earth, and the sea praise the Lord

28th Knowing the freedom in the Law of life and living

29th Knowing the difference between carnal and spiritual mindedness

30th Faith in Christ to the end equals eternal resurrection into life

31st Living habitually through the power of the Holy Spirit

SEPTMBER

1st Heirs of Christ and heirs of God in Christ

2nd Know that till now nature and creation still suffer for the sin of Adam

3rd Being alive and strong in Christ despite our human weaknesses

4th Knowing the tree of God by its fruit of godliness always

5th Knowing the boundary the Lord God has set for you and me

6th Another look at the tree symbolism

7th Knowing the nature of the workings of God Almighty

8th Giving thanks and praise to you O God in rehearsing your wonders

9th Where promotion truly comes

10th Knowing the eternal Judge of the entire universe

11th Coming to knowing God of the heavens in Judah

12th Not rousing the anger of the Lord God Almighty

13th Vowing and paying your vow promptly and fully

14th Speaking the truth in Christ and not lying

15th Knowing and realizing that to the Jews belong the adoption

16th When self expulsion is sought for the good of one's own people

17th Not all who descended from Abraham are Abraham's

18th Further on the nature of God's children

19th The mystery of adoption verified and magnified

20th Seeing God carry out His designed purpose and will

21st Knowing God's gift is dependent on God Himself and not the self

22nd Understanding the doctrine of the remnant

23rd Why Gentiles obtained righteousness through faith?

24th Never stumbling on the Stumbling Stone

25th Blessing the Lord all the time

26th One of the blessings of fearing the Lord God

27th Our God is good and truly too

28th No lacking for all who truly fear and referent the Lord

29th Wearing yourself hoarse?

30th Knowing that riches can be eagles and fly away

OCTOBER

1st Just one thing to ask the Lord God always

2nd Crying to the Lord God in my distress

3rd Will the Lord cast off forever and never be favorable again?

4th Does God's anger shut up His compassion

5th knowing the wonders of God already demonstrated in His peoples

6th Knowing the waters of the Red Sea shuddered at the Presence of the Lord

7th Another look of the mystery at the Lord God through the sea

8th Telling the praiseworthy deeds of the Almighty

9th One reason to manifest His praiseworthiness

10th Avoiding not being like your stubborn father

11th Telling of His marvelous works in the land of Egypt and Zoan

12th Knowing the pitfall of previous generation of the saints

13th Learning to eat the bread of the mighty

14th Why God consumed their day like a breath

15th When it is incumbent to remember God as the only Rock of Ages

16th Flattering God with your mouth? No, Never ever

17th Never let Him send His caterpillars

18th Never ever let Him be a destroyer of your good

19th When He lets loose the fierceness of His anger

20th When and how God will allot the enemies land to the chosen

21st Are you aware of God's righteous anger?

22nd One evil consequence of His righteous anger

23rd When God will renege on His strength and give up on same

24th Rejection in its totality as another effect of His righteous anger

25th Choosing Judah in place of Shiloh

26th Knowing David the slave boy so to say

27th Seeing a shepherd with an upright heart

28th Not letting your heart be troubled

29th Knowing the Way

30th Jesus the only Way to the Father [Eternity Life]

31st Knowing the Father is in the Son and the Son in the Father

NOVEMBER

1st Doing all that Christ did and much more also

2nd Learning to strip ourselves off and throw aside every sin

3rd Looking unto Jesus Who is our Leader and Lord and none else

4th Loving not in mere theory and speech but in deed and truth

5th Coming to know that we are of the Truth as Truth is also love

6th O God heathen nations have desecrated your holy temple

7th Lord would You be angry forever? Certainly not

8th Avenge Yourself Lord on the heathen nation that knows not You

9th According to the greatness of Your power spare us the righteous

10th Giving thanks and praises to God in consequent of His deliverance

11th Getting the ear of the Chief Shepherd of Israel

12th When God will cause His face to shine on us

13th Revisiting the rejectionist theory

14th Knowing the covenant keeping God through Elijah

15th Knowing grace as grace and not defining it as work

16th Coming to terms with the stumbling of Israel

17th Seeing the advantage of Israel's reintegration into salvation

18th Where does the firstfruits come in?

19th Understanding the mystery of the grafting in

20th Behold the Servant and Elect of the Lord God

21st Knowing the characteristic of this unique Servant of salvation

22nd Knowing the purposes of calling up the Messiah

23rd Knowing the characteristic of the Father

24th Entertaining the Lord God unwittingly; when last did you do this?

25th Meeting the Angel of the Lord

26th Witnessing His miraculous in your sacrifice

27th Singing aloud to God our Strength

28th Praising Him noisily in timbrels and other instruments

29th Getting going in festival praises

30th Making those who hate God come cringing before Him

DECEMBER

1st Coming to terms with the ever towering God of the ages

2nd Knowing that you are a god by God's ordination

3rd Knowing the limits of men

4th Urging the righteous God to arise

5th Urging God further in your righteous relationship with Him

6th Knowing the Lord Whose name is Jehovah as Lord God

7th Why God will not spare your unbelief and mine as well

8th Beholding Israel the saved

9th Noting the irreversibility of God's calling and gifts

10th Knowing the depth of the riches and wisdom of God

11th Claiming any recompense from God Almighty?

12th To God be the Glory always

13th Seeking God's mercy and cleanness from the guilt of sin

14th Acknowledging your sins and seeking forgiveness thereafter

15th Sin is the transgression against God

16th Wisdom is based in the innermost man and not otherwise

17th Understanding the renewing of God's Spirit in one

18th Avoiding being cast away from His Presence and not Holy Ghost deficient

19th When and how the Lord will do good in your Zion through rebuilding

20th Putting out into the sea with the Lord Savior God

21st Dealing with a sleeping Savior

22nd Why so fearful?

23rd Sighting the loveliness of the Lord's Tabernacle

24th Internalizing the highways to Zion

25th Making your valley of weeping into springs of joy

26th Experiencing a day in the courts of the Lord

27th Knowing God as a Sun and Shield over your life

28th Being blessed eternally in the Lord God of hosts

29th Knowing God the Forgiver of all sins

30th Knowing the restoration of the Lord God

31st Listening to God with expectancy

2017

JANUARY

1st knowing God the Giver of all that is good

2nd Making God to incline His ears unto you this year

3rd Knowing the goodness of God Almighty

4th Why God will answer you in the day of your trouble

5th Knowing the Great and Wonder-working God of the heavens

6th Praying His prayer always and not yours

7th Making a decisive dedication of your being to God

8th Knowing the mutual dependability of the Christian body

9th Be sincere in your loving

10th Acknowledging brotherly affection in the Faith of Christ

11th Knowing the details of hoping in Christ

12th What it is to sharing in the necessities of the saints

13th Unprecedented blessings of all

14th Living at peace in all possibilities at your own expense

15th Exemplifying the possibility of living peacefully with all

16th Knowing and acknowledging where the Almighty stands

17th Meeting the just God Who keeps and cares for the needy

18th Seeing the God Who will rescue the needy from the hands of the wicked

19th Knowing that you are a god after His fashion

20th When His enemies become manure of the earth

21st Learning the simile of His destruction

22nd Being loyally subject to governing civil authority

23rd Dreading those in authority

24th Rendering to all men their dues

25th Learning to keeping out of debt

26th Learning to live and conduct ourselves honorably

27th Knowing how to clothe oneself with the Lord Jesus Christ

28th The dangers inherent in trusting in the self being self righteous

29th Finding out the true justification in Christ Jesus

30th When and why the Lord God will remember you

31st Acknowledging the source of your increase

FEBRUARY

1st Singing of the mercy and loving-kindness of the Lord God Almighty

2nd Coming to terms with His everlasting establishment of His throne in you

3rd Is the Lord's wrath to burn forever?

4th Shall any man live and never die? Has any so live?

5th How is God our dwelling place from congregations past?

6th The nature of sin is self-revealing

7th Are you aware that the brevity of life is connected to our sun?

8th Getting the heart of wisdom; His wisdom really

9th When He brings inescapable calamities and evil

10th Remembering Him in the morning of your youth

11th When and why the Lord will confirm the works of our hands

12th Welcoming and accommodating the weak brethren

13th Why you as a son must heed the commandments of your Father and God

14th Knowing, Recognizing, and Acknowledging God

15th Recognizing the chastening of the Lord God for what it is-love

16th Not being overtaken by the Day of the Lord-the why of it

17th Knowing that we are sons of Light and sons of the Day

18th Keeping wide awake in Christ and not falling asleep

19th Knowing the reason for your salvation in Christ Jesus

20th Dwelling in the secret place of the Most High- benefits involved

21st Knowing God's truth and faithfulness as a shield and buckler

22nd Being inaccessible and spectator in the rewarding of the wicked

23rd Setting your love on the Lord and its consequential rewards

24th Thanking the Lord God always and singing His praises

25th How Great Thou art!

26th Noting the flourishing of the uncompromisingly righteous

27th Come into growing in His grace

28th Knowing the nature of the Lord's reign

MARCH

1st Are you bearing the failings of the weaker brothers?

2nd Learning to building up your neighbors

3rd Knowing why the Scripture was so written

4th Seeking patient endurance and encouragement from God Almighty

5th Hoping in the Sprout of Jesse

6th Knowing God Who can only swear by Himself

7th Knowing the two unchangeability of the Lord God

8th When your Nahash the Ammonite will come trailing you

9th Any need to weep aloud at all?

10th Rejoicing in the Lord's reign

11th Knowing the righteous darkness that envelopes the Lord God Almighty

12th Falling prostrate before God in most holy worship

13th Seeing through the eyes of God of vengeance

14th Learning from experience to knowing the Lord God Almighty

15th Noting the return of justice to the uncompromisingly righteous

16th Knowing that God doesn't accommodate the throne of iniquity

17th Coming into celebrating God Almighty through singing

18th Knowing God as a Great King and Lord God

19th Come let's worship and bow down to Him in worship

20th Learning not to harden our hearts

21st When the Lord God was grieved for forty long years

22nd Making you a minister of Christ Jesus

23rd What's your commitment in preaching the Gospel?

24th Making contributions for the poor

25th When the Peace of God is enough for all

26th Realizing and maximizing the freedom of entering into the Holy of Holies

27th Stimulating one another to love and noble deeds

28th Knowing the consequences of deliberately sinning after salvation

29th Knowing Him Who claims vengeance is His

30th Understanding the better possession in and of Christ Jesus

31st He is the soon coming King of the universe

APRIL

1st Not drawing back to eternal mystery

2nd Going along with your Elijah to Gilgal

3rd Being and not being the prophet's son

4th Watching and merely watching the workings of Christ

5th Loving the Lord truly? Then hate doing evil

6th Why we must sing to the Lord a new song?

7th Reverentially fearing God Almighty

8th Why the Lord is Great in Zion

9th Confessing the greatness of the name of God

10th Establishing yourself in the righteousness of God

11th Forgiveness and His vengeance

12th Introducing and commending our female ordainees

13th Acknowledging the mystery of others in yours

14th Remembering our mothers ion the Lord

15th Giving a holy kiss

16th Knowing how God will soon crush Satan under your feet

17th Acknowledging the worth of your Timothy

18th How do you see the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ?

19th Knowing Him Whose duty it is to strengthen you in faith

20th Acknowledging the only wise God Almighty Father of Christ

21st Knowing the missionary in the apostles

22nd Coming away into a desert place and resting

23rd Going away in a boast to solitary

24th Knowing what to do with the Gospel

25th Acknowledging the answer of Peter

26th Knowing the nature of the Promise of the Holy Spirit

27th Believing and being baptized in His Blood and Spirit

28th Let all that is deepest in me praise the Lord God

29th Why He made known His way of righteousness to Moses

30th Appreciating the greatness of His Mercy

MAY

1st God's knowledge of us all

2nd Seeing Him Who is clothed with honor and majesty

3rd Recognizing and appreciating some of the characters of God Almighty

4th Knowing the nature of the trees of the Lord

5th Extolling the virtues of the Lord Most High

6th Let the Lord glory in His works forever more

7th Praising God all days of my life

8th Learning to bless Him affectionately always

9th Proclaiming His Word His own way

10th Learning to rest your faith on the power of God

11th Do you recognize God's working in your life?

12th Realizing why He has given you His Holy Spirit

13th Being the spiritual man He has fashioned you to be

14th Are you aware you have the mind of Christ in you?

15th When God will use your enemy to lift you high

16th Why God works His way uniquely divine and divinely unique?

17th Why not get your dreams interpreted now?

18th When no one will think of you or when your good will not be returned

19th When your chief butler will forget you

20th Clothing yourself I godliness

21st Learning to readily pardon each other as the Lord has done

22nd Putting on love and enfolding oneself with perfection

23rd Doing everything in the name of Jesus Christ

24th Being distressed; what would you do?

25th When the High Priest Eli will think you drunk

26th Gently putting across your point

27th When the High Priest will discharge you in peace

28th Why you should not talk against a higher anointed than you

29th Repentance accepted even after judgment

30th Heal her now O God; Heal her now!

31st Giving thanks unt the Lord among the peoples

JUNE

1st Singing praises to the Most High God always

2nd Remembering His promise

3rd Seeing Him in your journeying

4th Why He would protect you always

5th Why you will rep where you did not sow

6th Knowing why He has blessed you

7th Acknowledging the ever faithfulness of God

8th Realizing our inability to praise Him enough

9th Asking God to remember us in His favor

10th When we would start to believe His Word

11th Never exchange your glory for animal image

12th Knowing the Mediator stepping in the breach

13th Not provoking your ministering leader

14th Not being defiled in any way

15th Knowing our ever merciful Lord God

16th Deliver us God to give glory to Your name always

17th Blessed be the Lord God of the ages

18th Being able to be talked to as spiritual person

19th What is Apollos; What is Paul and what is your pastor or mentor?

20th Only God gives the increase

21st Jesus the Foundation of Life

22nd Saved to work in His Vineyard

23rd Not corrupting God's Temple-our body

24th Knowing that we are Christ's and Christ is God

25th Learning not to commend the self again

26th When you are the letters of credentials

27th Knowing and realizing the Lord is the Spirit

28th Being constantly transformed from glory to glory

29th Have you been told this much?

30th Rather He is the Power Giver to the fainting

JULY

1st Youthfulness no immunity to fainting

2nd Knowing the full benefit of waiting on the Lord

3rd Giving thanks to the Lord for He is good

4th Oh that men will praise the Lord

5th Appreciating Him for His Word

6th Singing praises to the Lord God with your all

7th About this time-what about it?

8th When Satan will attack you through your sibling

9th Knowing the prevalent conditions for His miracles

10th And suddenly your miracle hour is now!

11th When you will think you are daydreaming His miraculous

12th Then you will come to your senses and praise the Lord

13th Knowing that Christ came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets

14th All the Law contents shall be fulfilled

15th Your righteousness to be as good as God's

16th Knowing that the sum of God's Word is truth

17th Settling all disputations in and for Christ Jesus

18th Shun all sexual immorality now

19th In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

20th Keeping the fest of purity with the unleavened Bread

21st Accommodating but not fellowshipping with the world

22nd Not at all associating with false brethren

23rd Our duty is to cleanse our own eyes

24th Realizing God alone sits in judgment on those outside

25th Why He who does not have will have the little taken from him

26th When there will be great rejoicing

27th When Jesus will come to your Bethany

28th Why your Lazarus will be at the table with the Lord

29th What to do when the Judasian spirit comes on you

30th Praise and praising the name of the Lord

31st Praising the name of the Lord everywhere

AUGUST

1st Appreciating the humility of the Godhead

2nd Remembering Israel in her journey out of Egypt

3rd Asking the sea of Reeds and the Jordan what ailed them

4th Tremble O earth at the Presence of the Lord

5th Unto You O God we give glory and glorying

6th Why we wouldn't allow the nations to mock us

7th My God is in the heavenly doing His will

8TH Idol makers are idols themselves

9th Trust in the Lord O His saints

10th Leaning on and trusting the Lord

11th Why the Lord will bless you and your household

12th

13th Knowing some other truths of His

14th Blessing and praising the Lord now and forevermore

15th Knowing that we Christians will judge the angels

16th Why not rather suffer wrong than going litigation?

17th All things legal but not helpful

18th Why the two shall become one

19th Stop sinning against yourself now

20th Honoring and glorifying God in your body

21st What use is our always having the poor with us?

22nd Binding your unbelief

23rd Not understanding and comprehending His Word at first

24th Why the whole world will run after Christ Jesus

25th When God will do extraordinary and usual miracles through you

26th All ye nations! All ye people! Praise the Lord God

27th Further reasons for praising the Lord God always

28th Yet examining giving thanks

29th One specific reason for thanking Him

30th Why be afraid when God is on your side?

31st When the Lord will help you and not let you fall

SEPTEMBER

1st Knowing the gain of the uncompromisingly righteous

2nd I shall not die

3rd Confessing the praises and thanks of the Lord God

4th Save Father, send prosperity now, and give success

5th Knowing that the Lord is God

6th Confessing and praising the Lord God from the heart

7th Knowing the joy of never marrying

8th But for temptation and impurity, get married

9th Get married to whoever subject to the will of God

10th You may be divorced by the unbelieving partner in marriage

11th Living holy in your calling

12th Knowing that circumcision is nothing in the new covenant

13th Am I in the place of God or am I playing God?

14th God will provide and support you

15th Abiding in Christ the only guarantee of being His disciple

16th Refuse being slave to sin and sinning

17th Coming out of the tribulation of sin and death

18th Knowing the Lamb as our Shepherd

19th Being blessed in your undefiled state

20th Seeking the Lord with your whole heart and the blessing therein

21st Some specifics of the uncompromisingly righteous

22nd Recounting His ordinances with our lips

23rd Praying God to open our spiritual eyes now

24th Asking Him to take away reproach and contempt from you

25th Running the way of His righteous commandments

26th Turning my eyes from beholding vanities Lord

27th Knowing your consolation in affliction

28th Seeing God as your portion and promising to be His

29th Being the companion of those who reverence and fear God Almighty

30th Seeing God in being afflicted

October

1st Give me understanding to knowing You

2nd Associating with those who reverently fear the Lord God

3rd Seeking the Lord's comfort unending

4th Disregarding the pitfall dug by the unrighteous

5th Knowing the nature of all His commandments

6th Begging for life according to His steadfast love

7th You are already set free; never go into bondage again

8th Seeking to be bounded to a wife? Think again of its full implication

9th The limit of the matrimonial obligation

10th Any benefit in widowhood?

11th Being aware of the cloud of witnesses surrounding you

12th Struggling unto blood and unto death for His testimony

13th Submitting to and enduring correction

14th Examining the true nature of discipline

15th Road to safe life

16th Being aware the Lord God always confide in His prophets

17th Your Word O Lord is settled forever

18th Seeing His eternal faithfulness

19th The secret of making it through affliction

20th Seeing the limit of all natural as opposed to things spiritual

21st Knowing and seeing His Word

22nd Making God to accept the freewill offering of your mouth

23rd Necessary condition to keeping the commandment of the Lord

24th Seeking God's face in your righteous upholding

25th Why my flesh trembles and shudders in worshipful awe of You

26th Act now O Lord God

27th Knowing the other features of the Word of God

28th Knowing the appropriate response to men's breaking of His laws

29th Knowing of God's righteous rigidity

30th Haven't seen this everlasting righteousness yet, have you?

31st Knowing His everlasting testimonies and decrees

NOCVEMBER

1st Appreciating His great and tender mercies always

2nd Rejoicing at Your Word O Lord

3rd Praising God to perfection daily

4th Living in your praises and decrees

5th Seeking God to seek you from waywardness

6th More about knowledge and knowing God

7th Inestimable role of love in knowledge

8th The true nature of God and manmade gods

9th Putting faith first

10th Coming to terms with slothfulness

11th Knowing how to keep your life save

12th Learning to lending to the Lord God

13th Coming to terms with the adverse effects of being prone to wrath

14th Being wise in time to come

15th Ascertaining the feature of the sluggard once again

16th Seeing reprove as necessity to wisdom

17th Identifying the shameful and sorrow bringing son

18th Learning to obey all divine instructions

19th Crossing the red sea as though on dry ground

20th Seeing the meaning of seven day encompassment

21st Remembering the example of Rahab the faithful whore

22nd Doing the right in distress

23rd Characterizing and defining the deceitful tongue

24th Choosing peace for war

25th Seeking God's help only from and through Him

26th Knowing the Keeper of Israel

27th Trusting God to keep your all always

28th Being gladdened in receiving the goodnews

29th Knowing the heavenly Jerusalem as well

30th Peace as never before

DECEMBER

1st Seeking, inquiring, and requiring God's good

2nd Knowing His true apostle

3rd Knowing the limit of celibacy

4th Learning from the example of Paul and Barnabas

5th Sowing spiritual and reaping in the material

6th Coming into greater knowledge of church administration

7th Learning the secret of gaining more for Christ Jesus

8th Noting the race that is the faith of Jesus

9th Learning to running not uncertainly

10th Being blessed in the faith

11th Some salient truths of this Presidential pardon

12th Coming into His promises upon confession

13th Sorrow to the wicked; righteous encompassment for the righteous

14th Being glad and rejoicing in the Lord God Almighty

15th Coming to terms with the secret of plentifulness always

16th Lifting up our eyes unto the Lord God only

17th Knowing how your eyes must look up to God

18th Not being ignorant

19th Learning to presenting all your sons

20th When your Samuel will arise and go to Ramah

21st Knowing the secret of the ;Lord's greatness in one's life

22nd Had not the Lord been on our side

23rd What the enemy would have done had not the Lord being on our side

24th Blessed is God in the highest always

25th Our help is from the God of the heavens only

26th All who reposes confidence and trust in God are irrevocable

27th Experiencing His round-about fortitude

28th God's good doing for the good doers

29th Allowing yourself to be baptized in your God chosen leader

30th Learning from Scriptural illustrations

31st Not complaining at all

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2015

JANUARY 1ST BEING UNDER THE INDISPENSABLE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

READ Acts of the Apostles 15:28 "For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to lay upon you any greater burden than these indispensable requirements:"

This new Year we have just witnessed by the sovereign will and purpose of the Almighty in His overall mission and purpose for the entire universe in which you and I are made prime and godly, you will prosper as never before in His Grace only if you will live a clean, clear, righteous, and holy live according to the Holy Scripture. The requirements for a holy living is first being truly born again and then being righteously enabled in the power of the Holy Spirit in Holy Ghost baptism, and thereafter conducting one's life and all aspects of same in line with His dictates. It cannot be otherwise. You and I cannot continue to plan our lives and living according to our whims and caprices and thereafter expecting God Almighty to rubberstamp same. It doesn't work out that way.

If we will be most conscious of the truth that we are only pilgrimaging here on earth and that we must return home to God Who alone formed us and sends us here to account for all our deeds here not to talk of misdeeds, and at a time which He alone has determined even before the foundation of the earth, the same that can and will come any time, then we would not let a second go away without His glorification in our lives. By this is meant without us yielding to His will for us. You will be most blessed and favored this year in the mighty name of the Lord as long as you are truly led by Him. Amen.

Pray you come under the indispensable leading of your guardian Holy Spirit always in His Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 1-3; Matthew 1

JANUARY 2ND LISTENING TO YOUR JUDAS AND SILAS THIS YEAR

READ Acts of the Apostles 15:32 "And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets (inspired interpreters of the will and purposes of God) urged and warned and consoled and encouraged the brethren with many words and strengthened them."

By way of clarity, Judas in Hebrews means Praise. Besides, the Judas here referred to is not at all related to the town Cariot from where Iscariot is gotten. Sincerely speaking, we are focused on the ministration and ministry of the prophet today and by implication this year. Jesus our Lord and Savior Who established the ministry of prophets in the first instance knows very well that you and I will not be fully prosperous if we lack prophetic illumination. The Bible is the Word of God for the entire universe. It is a general manual for all. It is the prophetic in the power of the Holy Spirit who interprets and applies the Word of God to each individual as the need arises. No one will fully appropriate his or her God ordained blessings here on earth if he or she

discountenances the prophetic. The prophetic essentially is the expounding of and the interpretation of the purposive will of God Almighty for all. You will do well also to seek Him and come into fulfillment this year by seeking the prophetic righteously though in addition to seeking the true knowledge of His Word. Remain blessed in His anointing this year as never before, alleluia.

Pray you will be illuminated in His prophecy and the prophetic in general always.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 4-6; Matthew 2

JANUARY 3RD WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS WILL GIVE IN WRONGLY TO CARNALITY

READ Acts of the Apostles 15:39 "And there followed a sharp disagreement between them, so that they separated from each other, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus"

You are conversant with events leading to the sharp disagreement between Barnabas the apostle who sought out and found the apostle Paul and who later conceded leadership to the latter in line with the Holy Ghost leading. It is impossible for there not to be disagreements at one time or the other in our ministrations whether in our homes, ministries, or offices. What must not be allowed is the carnal aspect of allowing it to degenerate into a sharp altercation. How not to allow this degeneration is to allow the Holy Ghost intervention and leading in all issues particularly when Satan has activated our carnal nature that is not totally killed at conversion. I am sure if the two apostles had allowed the Holy Spirit to intervene in their disagreement and lead the way as to what was to be done in the how of their ministration; the sharp altercation would have been avoided. I am sure God allowed this in Scripture as a guide for us all who are blessed to be ministers of His in this end-time. You are most blessed always when you allow Him Who alone knows all things to reign over your life. Amen.

Pray you will never act solo any time without the true leading of the Holy Ghost

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 7-9; Matthew 3

JANUARY 4TH NO CHARGE CAN EVER BE BROUGHT RIGHTEOUSLY AGAINST THE ELECT

READ Romans 8:33 "Who shall bring any charge against God's elect [when it is] God Who justifies [that is, Who puts us in right relation to Himself? Who shall come forward and accuse or impeach those whom God has chosen? Will God, Who acquits us?]"

Typical of all rhetoric questions, the ones above are meant for our pondering and not to confuse us. The point here is this. With God in Jesus Christ Who died on the cross for our salvation as Judge and Lord of all; with Him as our Intercessor and Mediator; with Him as our Help in times of trouble, who then can condemn or bring about any accusation and or charge against the very

elects of God for Whom He Himself died? Certainly this can't be God Himself or any other Personalities of the Godhead. It can only be Satan and his allies who are the arch enemy of His cross. Accordingly, the believer needs not be bothered by the barking of any toothless bull dog who can only bark but never capable of any harm. In this today, I want you rest assured of His ever present blessedness all the time of your journey here on earth. You are most blessed in Him always. Amen.

Pray you are always in His blessed assurance all the days of your life, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 10-12; Matthew 4

JANUARY 5TH HOW GOD ACTUALLY PLEADS AND INTERCEDES FOR US DAILY

READ Romans 8:34 "Who is there to condemn [us]? Will Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who died, or rather Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God actually pleading as He intercedes for us?"

In our ministration of yesterday, we maintained that God was in Christ Jesus as He died on the cross. What Scripture maintains in this as seen in 2 Corinthians 5:19 says is that God the Father Who initiated the death of the Son on the cross actually lived in His Son as He pilgrimaged this earth just as the Holy Spirit is indwelling every true believer now in the body. As a result, we are living the life of Christ as we glorify Him in our submission and obedience to His rules. As a result, Christ Jesus now on the right hand of the Father in Glory purchased through His total obedience to God on earth mediates and continually intercedes for us before Him the Father such that each time we sin in the flesh, as soon as we are convicted by the Holy Ghost and are repented of same we are forgiven and have our slates washed clean as if we had never sinned before. This is the essence of Christ's present ministry in heaven among many others which is termed intercessory. Glory is His Name as we are this blessed in Him. Alleluia.

PRAY you are into all divine Truths as given in Scripture.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 13-15; Matthew 5:1-26

JANUARY 6TH WE ARE INSEPARABLE IN AND FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST

READ Romans 8:35 "Who shall ever separate us from Christ's love? Shall suffering and affliction and tribulation? Or calamity and distress? Or persecution or hunger or destitution or peril or sword?"

What really is the love of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior? Is it having it our own way or seeing and allowing His purposive will find root in our lives? Is love itself devoid of pains, perils, persecutions, and hardship? Didn't Christ Jesus as Lord of the universe learn obedience only

through what He suffered here on earth? [Hebrews 5:8] Is love synonymous with the absence of rebuke, correction, and instruction in righteousness? Coming nearer home the more, isn't the love of God shown to us by His giving up of His only begotten Son Who was made sin unto us that we may be saved? No doubt, love is sacrificing; indeed, sacrificing the self in totality, but only in the will of the Almighty. For this reason is the first principle of discipleship hinged totally on self denial. One who is in the love of Christ, the love that is Christ Himself is dead to self and personal aspirations. He is living the life of Christ and nothing should be allowed to separate him there from. You are most blessed in Him forever and ever, amen.

PRAY you are in absolute understanding of His love and not just loving in futility.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 16-17; Matthew 5:27-48

JANUARY 7TH KNOWING THE SURPASSING VICTORY IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS

READ Romans 8:37 "Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us."

The truth of Scripture is believers are not of this world although we spend the whole of our Christian life herein. We are heavenly and Christ-like. As a result, we are victorious always in Christ Jesus Whose precious and holy blood alone redeems us from all sinfulness and perdition. Regardless of whatever we are going through or what may come our way, we are victorious already not by our own acts or what we are able to achieve, but rather for the finished work of God in Christ on the cross. The truth is simply there is nothing you and I can do to be victorious. It is already finished on the cross at Calvary. We live daily the victorious life in Christ Jesus. Yet, we would face persecutions and trials all which I see as challenges to manifest the power of God over our lives. We shouldn't be bothered or be dampened by these trials. The lives we now live in the flesh we live by the grace of the Son of God Who loved us so much and gave His life for us. Knowing this is not frustrating His Grace which can and which not a few do frustrate. [Galatians 2:20-21].

PRAY you will know the enormous and overwhelming victory you possess in Christ Jesus. Amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 18-19; Matthew 6:1-18

JANUARY 8TH COMING INTO HIS RIGHTEOUS PERSUASSION ALWAYS

READ Romans 8:38 "For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers,"

So what do we mean by persuasion? What role has persuasion in Christian religion? I want to assert in all humility that a great many acts of the Holy Spirit is based on His righteous persuasion of the believer. God the Holy Spirit and indeed the entire Godhead do not force issues except when warring against the enemies. They persuade us to be convicted of the truth

of Their position. That is why we are created and endowed with freewill the same that makes us accountable for all our actions and inactions. Converting a soul is a thing of persuasion from the agent of conversion. Otherwise it wouldn't be conversion again but conscription. The need for us to be always persuaded of the righteousness of God's work in our lives and the need to follow Him in His works cannot be ever over emphasized. Thus here, the apostle Paul as a Christian type declares his persuasion in matters of his faith and faithing in Jesus Christ of Nazareth. It is high time you and I come into this irrevocable persuasion-all things work well for good for all who love God; for all who are called according to His purpose and purpose alone. Alleluia-[Romans 8:28]

PRAY you are in His Righteous persuasion always.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 20-22; Matthew 6:19-34

JANUARY 9TH KNOWING THE LOVE OF GOD WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD

READ Romans 8:39 "Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

God is love. This much we have been imbued with from our youthful days in school the same that we have come to internalize as we grow up. But God as love is more complex, more compact, and all embracing. To start with, there is no reason why God has to create you and I if not for His love for us or better still, there is no obligation on His part to create us as we are in His own image. Why not make us a baboon? Why not a tree or better put, why not make us angelic in any form of theirs? And you want to be told-why make us like Himself- gods over all His creation? In making us mini gods after His fashion, He is ceding to us part of His power and over this trusting us with part of His own responsibility. But why all these shower of His kindness except for His love? He didn't stop there, but gave up His only begotten Son for our sake through Whom we have a foretaste of His love. Accordingly therefore, all who have come into the slightest bit of the knowledge of His love for us as shown in Christ Jesus will rather give in to death than come out of same or allow themselves to be taken out of same for any reason. This then is the message for today-neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is Christ Jesus. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will permanently be engrossed in His total divine love now and forever more, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 23-24; Matthew 7

JANUARY 10TH PASSING THROUGH ONLY IN THE POWER AND APPROVAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

READ Acts of the Apostles 16:6 "And Paul and Silas passed through the territory of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Word in [the province of] Asia."

I am amazed how the unknowing even among believers of this age misquote and eventually misuse Bible texts. I have heard it said severally by people that they can do anything and all things in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. While this is true ordinarily and in limited circumstances, the truth is one can only do that for which Christ has enabled one and at the appropriate time. A male believer who gloats in this misquotation needs be reminded that he can never conceive of or mother a baby. That is the calling of his wife and even then if so permitted by Their Excellencies and at the fullness of time. I cannot be a priest now if I am not so called and enabled. Even then, I can only so function within the grace given to me. It is in this context that today's text is most relevant. The Holy Ghost forbids the proclamation of the Gospel even after Christ Who is the Gospel has instructed that we go into the world and so proclaim. The lesson is that we should not be presumptuous but only be led always by the Holy Spirit and in all things really. Amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are never led by your presumption but His leading only and always. Amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 25-26; Matthew 8:1-17

JANUARY 11TH WHEN YOUR SLAVE GIRL IS POSSESSED BY A SPIRIT OF DIVINATION

READ Acts of the Apostles 16:16 "As we were on our way to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who was possessed by a spirit of divination [claiming to foretell future events and to discover hidden knowledge], and she brought her owners much gain by her fortunetelling."

Divination is not the same thing as prophesying in the name of God Almighty and righteously too. Divination is essentially seeing into the future through extra sensory means that is satanic in origin and idolatry in practice. As a result, it is money and profit oriented and deceit laden in that it claims what it cannot do nor can ever know. Only God knows and tells the future as He wants it told through His elects. Telling the will and purpose of God in prophecy is not money oriented or fortune focused. You will recall that king Ahab's misgiving with the prophet Micaiah was his penchant to always telling him what God had sent him to the king which was never favorable as the king was miles apart from the Lord God Who reigns all over the universe. If your penchant is for fortune telling; if any time you are before His prophet all that matters to you is "good and prosperity" message not minding the true will and purpose of God most High, then you have a slave girl in your pouch. This then is the time for you to cast her out in the powerful and most poignant name of the Lord God. Then and only then you will be released from the bondage of Satan. Amen.

PRAY you will not knowingly and unknowingly make and harbor a slave girl for yourself. Amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 27-28; Matthew 8:18-28

JANUARY 12TH WHICH CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES DO YOU REGARD AS ROMAN AND UNGODLY?

READ Acts of the Apostles 16:21 "They encourage the practice of customs which it is unlawful for us Romans to accept or observe"

In those days when the Scripture was being played out, the best citizenship for any then living was to be a Roman. There was nothing as great as this or greater than same. But not so for those who were citizens of heaven by choice of faithing in the Lord God Almighty. This is the context in which today's text is important and very too. As a citizen of the New City who is presently domiciled in the planet earth, your loyalty is first and foremost to the Lord God Almighty for which you denied yourself when you first believed. Putting any and all things above this truth is totally inimical to your being be it spiritual or otherwise. As a result, there should be no accommodation of any conflict between that which is righteous and that which is unrighteous whether covert or overt. Always, God must be first in all our consideration all the time. Doing this then is a prerequisite to being alive in Him here until we see Him as He is face to face in His Kingdom. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will not mismanage your heavenly citizenship and trade same away unconsciously

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 29-30; Matthew 9:1-17

JANUARY 13TH WHY GOD WILL NOT REFUSE TO HELP

READ Psalm 12:1 "HELP, LORD! For principled and godly people are here no more; faithfulness and the faithful vanished from among the sons of men."

Any time God is faithfully and truly called upon by any within the time He may be found, then you can be sure He will not refuse to help. Yes! There is a set time for God to be called and for Him to positively accede to our petition. The prophet Isaiah has admonished us all to call on the Lord when He can be found and when He is nigh. This much is contained in chapter 55:6. What this means is that there is a time set for all things both in the heavenly as well as in the earth beneath. If we will allow this set time to lapse for whatever reason, we risk not finding the Lord as His ears will not be hearkened to our supplications. Ecclesiastes also admonishes us all to remember the Lord God our Creator *now* meaning at the appropriate time when it is not late [12:1]. The other male factor crucified with Christ who did not call on Him timely had to contend with late supplications if ever he did any. Seek Him now when it is time and when you have the grace and benefit so to do. When you are dead, certainly there is no more remission for sin but certain judgment. Glory is God in the highest heavens alleluia, amen.

PRAY your prayers and supplications will be within His set time, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 31-32; Matthew 9:18-38

JANUARY 14TH THOSE WHOM THE LORD WILL KEEP

READ Psalm 12:7 "You will keep them and preserve them, O Lord; You will guard and keep us from this evil generation forever."

Why would the Lord keep watch over you and I so as to preserve us and guard us from all evil generation in which we live? Look at this way- why would you keep watch over anything or anybody? Why would you pay the fees and bill of any at all? Is it because you are Father Christmas or because you have responsibilities over such people? In the same way, God will only watch over those who repose confidence and faith in Him. God Who made the heavens and the earth will not trespass into others territory. If you will not repose confidence in Him; if you will not put your trust in Him; if God will not be your all and you do not look up to Him for help after He has created you and given up His only begotten Son for your sake, then He is not under obligation to preserve you. He is not under obligation to watch over you even though He so much loves you and I. So call on Him truly today and put faith in Him and you will be blessed. Amen.

PRAY you will come into the saving Faith of Jesus today and there remain forever, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 33-35; Matthew 10:1-20

JANUARY 15TH WHY DID THE LORD CHOOSE THE WHIRLWING?

READ Job 38:1 "THEN THE Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said"

In the first instance, what is a whirlwind and how is same different from normal ordinary wind? According to the English Dictionary without being specific in this case, a whirlwind is an extremely strong wind that is circular in movement and is quick at the same time causing not a few damage like the Tornado. So why has God not chosen the Tornado? You will recall that He had chosen also the whirlwind to talk to Prophet Elijah while rejecting among others the small shrill voice. We may never know precisely why God does this. One thing is clear however; the whirlwind among others speaks of God's immense fury and mysterious nature the same that is incomprehensible at the same time. No one has ever fathomed God enough nor will any ever so do. This is partly the significance of the circular nature of whirlwinds. Regardless of the full symbolism of the whirlwind here and in other Scriptural passages, we can be sure of one thing the same which is God loves His own and will never confuse us or expose us to ridicule. No. Never. Not even when we go sinning after coming into His Faith. He chooses to talk in the whirlwind and in any other medium largely because He is God and Lord of all. Besides, He chooses to let us see and know His control over all be it hurricane, tornado, or whatever. He is Lord and God of all. So glorify Him in your heart and mind always. Amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are not confounded by His manner of revelation to you any time. Amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 36-38; Matthew 10:21-42

JANUARY 16TH NOTING THE FIRST QUESTIONING OF THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Job 38:2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?"

Academically, we know that what is listed first usually is the more or most important whichever is the case. Accordingly, from the about forty questionings of the Lord God to Job in only this 38th chapter, the very first tells us the mode of the others and God's attitude towards Job's response to his persecution. From God's perspective, Job darkens or better put, perverts divine knowledge by his incomprehension of the workings of the Almighty choosing to be able to account for all that the Lord God would do. Job in consequence unwittingly erodes God's Sovereignty. In my little walking in and with the Lord if you will bear with my imprudence, I have come to know that persecutions and trials take their toll even on the best graced and the most righteous. As a result, when trials come as they do in their most unexpected forms and times; it is not unexpected of the righteous to react contrary to the divinely ordained. This is where you and I come in as we allow our present predicament and vicissitudes to take the better of us. Instead of this we are to glorify God always and talk less unless when divinely prompted. Otherwise, we would prompt God to questioning us as He did to Job. And who can answer His questions let alone questionings? You are blessed in Him perpetually, amen.

PRAY you are not caught in the web of darkened counseling of the Almighty

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 39-40; Matthew 11

JANUARY 17TH KNOWING THE ALL DOING GOD OF THE AGES

READ Job 42:2 "I know that You can do all things, and that no thought or purpose of Yours can be restrained or thwarted."

To know about God is only the first step to knowing God Himself. There is no way one can know God without first coming into His knowledge. In the loose sense, His knowledge can be the same as knowing Him. So what is the difference between both? Knowing God is experiencing His Being. It is being in partnership with Him. It is coming into His divine understanding and daily growing in Him. On the other hand, to know about God may be to hear someone share his or her experience of Him. It may be reading about Him. At best, it is a distant look of the Mighty and Holy God; like being a distant spectator of Him. To know Him is to be part of Him; it is to be a working partner in His overall Mission and purpose. It is to have yielded to a large extent to His will. Put another way, it is to have given one's life and being to the very purpose and will of God Almighty. It is to have taken on His Own image while letting go of one's. In the words of the indefatigable apostle Paul, to knowing God is to: "*have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me"-Galatians 2:20.* Are you this aware of the Being of the Almighty? It is high time you do and grow in same. Alleluia, amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in your coming into His Person and personally too.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 41-42; Matthew 12:1-23

JANUARY 18TH WHEN WAS YOUR FIRST EXPERIENCE OF SEEING THE LORD GOD?

READ Job 42:5 "I had heard of You [only] by the hearing of the ear, but now my [spiritual] eye sees You."

In all truth of Scripture, every true believer ought to covet seeing the Lord God Almighty as often as He God would permit in our journey of Faith. It will be a gargantuan loss not to have experienced His Being personally on this earth before coming into His Glory at the end of this age. Let me make myself most clear in words. It is not enough to serve God only limitedly where this refers to hearing essentially as good and desirable as this is. More than this, one should do all one can in prayer, impartation, and imputation to see Him as He is. Abraham the father of all our Faith in Christ saw Him in His restricted Glory as did many other patriarchs. Moses the servant of the Lord as well as David the King and priest saw Him in His person not once. As a matter of divine truth, Moses led the seventy elders of Israel to dine with the mighty Lord God on Mount Sinai. Moses alone was to see His back in His unrestricted form much later. The apostle Paul desired and He knew Him and experienced His resurrection while still living in the body of death. I have in all humility severally I would humbly add, only through His Grace experienced Him both in my spiritual eyes and in my vision of the day and night. What are you waiting for? Go for His eye- to-eye experience today and before long you are a living testimonial of Him.

PRAY you won't get swollen headed when you personally in this physical body see Him as He is.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 43-44; Matthew 12:24-50

JANUARY 19TH THE NEED TO ALWAYS HUMBLE YOURSELF IN OBEDIENCE

READ Job 42:8 "Now therefore take seven bullocks and seven rams and go to My servant Job and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept [his prayer] that I deal not with you after your folly, in that you have not spoken of Me the thing that is right, as My servant Job has."

Offering the kind discussed in this passage is still most relevant in this Grace age. You will recollect that it was God Who is never changing in nature that ordered the offering which in that dispensation was a burnt offering. In this Grace dispensation, God still commands that His sons do one thing or the other. You will also notice that the sin here committed was not the presumptuous sins of fornication, lying, adultery and the likes. In this case, it was a sin committed in error while trying to and actually defending God Almighty before a colleague of theirs. The focal point however is to be seen in the truth of their compliance the same which is an act of obedience. Regardless of the dispensation in which we are living, God is still the Same- unchanging; unbending, ever constant and most shinning more than our own light. He changes not. Thus, today, if ye will hear His voice through any of His chosen servants whether your own pastor or not, do not stiffen your hearts, but humbly obey and do it as you are commanded.

Denominational doctrines are robbing many of the fullness of His Glory in this dispensation of Grace. Do not be its victim again.

PRAY you will see beyond denominational doctrines that usually have little to do in salvation in Christ Jesus.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 46-48; Matthew 13:1-30

JANUARY 20TH WHY GOD WOULD TURN YOUR CAPTIVITY

READ Job 42:10 "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job and restored his fortunes, when he prayed for his friends; also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before."

Humility in obedience is all that Christianity is about. One who will not be as humble as Jesus the Son of God Who emptied Himself of all that was godly in Him to take on the form of the sinful man; and Who went on further to abase Himself in obedience to His Father to die on the cross for you and I to be saved cannot be safely birthed in His Glory. There is no other way of appropriating faith except through obedience. No one will obey the other except one believes and trusts in the one giving the order. To obey is to bring oneself in humility under the command of the other. As a result, one who is haughty; one who is full of himself or herself; one who is swollen headed owing to the gift of the Holy Spirit in him cannot be this subjected. Obedience is being subjected simple. You can imagine what would have happened if Job had been arrogant to be vindictive or if his friends had been far from humble as to go to him for his prayer-him whom they had earlier condemned as evil. Herein is the message today-always be humble as to obey all righteous instructions all your life, amen.

PRAY you are enlightened enough to be permanently humble all the days of your life, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 49-50; Matthew 13:31-58

JANUARY 21ST WHEN YOUR END IS MORE BLESSED THAN YOUR BEGINNING

READ Job 42:12 "And the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; for he had 14000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys."

According to Scripture and as noted in Ecclesiastes to be precise, the end of a thing is better and more glorious than the beginning the main reason why the day of death should be more celebrated than the day of birth. Although God has ordained all things even before the foundations of the earth, thus ensuring that the best of His purposive will becomes operational upon each individual; yet, this can be a mirage if we do not consciously live in Him not just being righteously graced. The need to conduct our lives in strict conformity with His Word is not to be taken lightly. You will recollect that Moses was ordained to lead the Israelites to the Promised Land. This he was never able to accomplish. Adam was created perfect and immortal. He was to live eternally in His righteousness. He not only lost perfection, but also bequeathed on all his

progeny death and sorrow. Let your end be better and more glorious than your beginning by consciously living the purpose of God for you here on earth all days of your life. Amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are in the purposive will of the Almighty God for you all the days of your living, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 1-3; Matthew 14:1-21

JANUARY 22ND WHEN YOUR WAY PLEASES THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Job 42:15 "And in all the land there were no women so fair as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers."

The Proverbs 16:7 has noted truly that when a man's way pleases the Lord, He makes his enemies to be at peace with him. This is just the beginning, for not only will your enemies be forced to live peacefully with you for the fear and glory of God over your life; more than this, all that is yours will radiate the glory, lovingkindness, and honor of the Lord. Put another way, all that is yours will be overflowing in and with the glory of God which His favor alone bequeaths on all who will wait on Him. Perhaps it is not the truth of one's life overflowing in and with the glory of God that should be emphasized as much as one's ability to live through the throes and sacrifices that engender His Glory. Only those who truly wait diligently ever come into His blossoming favor as here expressed. In case you have lost sight of our immediate discussion, *Remember Job*, not his wife this time around. His ability to endure while waiting on Him tells a lot about his walking and working in and with the Lord God Almighty. It is well with you as you await His fulfillment, amen.

PRAY you will be this patient to be blessed in Him wholly.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 4-6; Matthew 14:22-36

JANUARY 23RD WHO DETERMINES YOUR HEREAFTER-GOD OR ALL ELSE?

READ Job 42:16 "After this, Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons and his sons' sons, even to four generations."

How well one lives and where; how long one stays here on earth to fulfill God's ordained roles; and all put together where one goes after death and even in His Grace in the New City is determined after all by how well one conforms to the purposive will of God Almighty for one. One who abides a little in His Grace here on earth cannot expect to have beyond his little sowing here, there yonder. In the same way; one who in His Grace has endured much here in the course of one's mission and ministration cannot but be adequately rewarded there yonder. Little wonder Job was adequately blessed here after his unfathomable sufferings in His sovereign will. Having been adjudged righteous by the Almighty Himself, it is little surprise that the Almighty blessed his aftermath with goodness and prosperity. You and I can be this blessed only if we similarly abide in Him to the fullest. You are blessed abundantly and affectionately in Him now and forever more, amen.

PRAY you will abide totally and absolutely in Him alone this one time of your living, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 7-8; Matthew 15:1-20

JANUARY 24TH WHEN YOU HAVE TO SHOUT YOUR INTENTIONS

READ Acts of the Apostles 16:28 "But Paul shouted, Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!"

There is a marked difference between talking, muttering, speaking aloud and shouting at the top of one's voice. All these reflect the urgency of the time and the position of one's mind and heart. Variously in Scripture we have seen these different and varying scenarios put into place. Jesus did not speak or talk on the cross. Rather, He was reputed to have cried at the top of His voice variously as He expressed His grief and sorrow to His Father wondering if He was abandoned so soon, [Matthew 27:46]; and giving up His ghost knowing that all was finished in accomplishment, [Matthew 27:50]. The lesson to be here learnt is the truth that how we call upon the Lord determines the seriousness with which we want our matter to be considered by the Almighty. The Syro-Phonecian woman whose daughter the Lord would not attend to initially because it was not fit to give the food meant for the children to the dog knew how to be persistent in her prayers. How persistent are you and I in our communing with the Lord God?

PRAY you are righteously persistent in His Grace to the end of your sojourn here on earth, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 9-11; Matthew 15:21-39

JANUARY 25TH WHEN IT IS TIME TO GIVE UP YOURSELF TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH

READ Acts of the Apostles 16:31 "And they answered, Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ [give yourself up to Him, take yourself out of your own keeping and entrust yourself into His keeping] and you will be saved, [and this applies both to] you and your household as well."

As a matter of divine truth, one is saved once and there is no other time than now where now means where one is convicted. Procrastinating is totally out of same. But salvation of one's self in all and every situation of challenge is an all time thing. Put another way, coming into the Way of righteousness should be the same as yielding from all self preservation and self keeping even if these were possible. Coming into His Faith is to be what it is-giving up on oneself and entrusting oneself into God's own safe keeping. There is no other way to this. Hence, it is not enough to accept Jesus as personal Savior good as this is. It must be backed with making Him Lord of our lives as we stay away from the self and allow Him to reign in our lives. As a truth, we can fence Him off our being even in His Grace. This must stop and now too. Alleluia.

PRAY you must be wholly yielded to Him in His Grace, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 12-13; Matthew 16

JANUARY 26TH WHEN YOU ARE RELEASED AND LET GO

READ Acts of the Apostles 16:35 "But when it was day, the magistrate sent policemen, saying, Release those fellows and let them go."

When it is time for God to release any of your all, no power on earth, the heavens above and the nether parts of the world can stop you. I have learnt over the years that the witches and all powers of darkness can only persecute and visit evil on one only when God permits them and they can never go beyond the permit. Recall that Jesus Christ our Lord while conceding to Pilate the Governor his power over His life maintained that it was because he had been so equipped from heaven. The Bible also in Acts of the Apostles noted that the apostle Peter while talking mentioned that it was impossible for death to keep Jesus beyond the permitted three days. The point is this. I am led by God Almighty to release you from all captivities of Satan the arch enemy of your soul today. In Jesus mighty name and power go away in freedom never before known to you and so abide in Jesus forever, amen.

PRAY you will always call on the Almighty Who alone is powerful enough to create and sustain.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 14-15; Matthew 17

JANUARY 27TH WHEN IT SHALL PLEASE THE LORD TO RESIDE IN YOU PERMANENTLY

READ Colossians 1:19 "For it has pleased [the Father] that all the divine fullness (the sum total of the divine perfections, powers, and attributes) should dwell in Him permanently."

All that is possible in the entire universe is that which pleases the Lord. Whatever is His will is possible. The moment He conceives of same, it has come to fruition in the spiritual awaiting the set time for its manifestation. Whatever is not pleasing to God the Father cannot ever see the light of the day. I prophesy to you today it will please the Father God Almighty to bless you according to His riches of purpose and will for your life. It won't please Him for you to be a blessing in vacuum. There is no vacuum in the spiritual. All things must be purposed for their creation and fulfillment. This season, it has pleased the Father that you prevail over all challenges in Jesus Mighty and Holy Name only to His Glory. You won't ever come outside of His Pleasure in Jesus name. Remember that you are a product of His Pleasure. This much Revelation 4:11 tells us. Go out in His pleasure always and be a winner, amen.

PRAY you are not just in His Pleasure but that you are His pleasure always.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 16-18; Matthew 18:1-20

JANUARY 28TH WHEN GOD WILL PURPOSE YOUR COMPLETE RECONCILIATION TO HIM

READ Colossians 1:20 "And God purposed that through (by the service, the intervention of) Him [the Son] all things should be completely reconciled back to Himself, whether on earth or in heaven, as through Him, [the Father] made peace by means of the blood of His cross."

Glory is the Lord's the God of the heavens and the universe for the love He has for us as manifested in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth through Whom we are all reconciled to Him. It pleases the Father that the fullness of the Godhead should bodily reside in the Lord Jesus Christ. Having come into Him by Faith and thereafter faithing in Him, there is a set time to prosper you. There is a set time to reconcile you to the very purpose for which it has pleased the Godhead to create you. There is a set time for your manifestation and fulfillment. Before this set time, little or nothing could be done by any to shore you up. This is the time when you cultivate the doctrine of waiting patiently on Him. All must wait for this appointed time. It is also in this notion that there is a set time for you and I to depart this world and return home to be rewarded or otherwise for what we have been busy doing in this body whether good or evil. You are most blessed in Him now and forever more, amen.

PRAY you will patiently await the set time for your proclamation and manifestation in Him.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 19-20; Matthew 18:21-35

JANUARY 29TH COMING INTO THE UNRAVELLING OF HIS MYSTERY

READ Colossians 1:26 "The mystery of which was hidden for ages and generations [from angels and men], but is now revealed to His holy people (the saints)."

Isn't it quite interesting, glorifying, and encouraging that that which was hidden from men and His holy angels in ages past was and is now made known to you and I who are the called according to His purpose! It should be graciously exhilarating that so much is bequeathed to us already in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. Accordingly, no one saved saint of His needs be in the dark about anything whose manifestation and revelation is already made known in Scripture. The problem is many saved saints of His know not what is their responsibility and duty. To put it straight, many of us are so lazy as not to decipher the written Word not to talk of constant communion with and in Him. As a result, we are not only naïve but are equally ignorant. In this context, we behave as unsaved and come into avoidable and unintended debacles. These have to stop today. Search the Scriptures. Ruminate daily on the revealed truths in the Bible. Imbibe the doctrine of His Truth, and finally LIVE in same and you are preserved untainted in Him. Amen.

PRAY you are knowledgeable and made wise in Scriptural Truths now and forever more, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 21-22; Matthew 19

JANUARY 30TH KNOWING CHRIST AS THE ONLY HOPE OF REALIZING HIS GLORY

READ Colossians 1:27 "To whom God was pleased to make known how great for the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ within and among you, the Hope of [realizing the] glory."

As great and opulently rich the revelation of His mystery to this generation of the saints is as opposed to all others including but not limited to His holy angels, a lot are shutting themselves out of same for lack of the Truth of God in Christ Jesus. I have heard severally many ignorant and stupid talks and talking that A believes in God but rejects the holy and righteous birth and Life of Jesus Christ. Unknown to these, it was God Who Personally was in Christ Jesus throughout His sojourn on earth reconciling the sinful and ever sinning world unto Himself not counting unto them their sins again. This much is found in 2 Corinthians 5:19. If God was Personally inhabiting the body of Jesus Christ as He hung on the Cross, how come some repudiate the Lordship of Christ? More importantly, how come many do not see that the only Way of attaining fulfillment of the revealed Glory is Christ Jesus? You do not be this simple but be knowing. Amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you will know once and for all that Jesus is the only Way to the Father.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 23-24; Matthew 20:1-16

JANUARY 31ST NOT SUCCUMBING TO FEMINE TEMPTATION

READ Judges 16:6 "And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray you, wherein your great strength lies, and with what you might be bound to subdue you."

Before you begin to argue whether you are truly reading what is Inscriptured or not; let me reassure you that you are not wrong at all. Delilah the Philistine woman actually told Samson her true intention-to bind and subdue him. It is really not to be expected as she had loyalty first to her lord Satan and next to her idolatrous nation. So you want to ask yourself-what relation has righteousness with unrighteousness; or what association is there between a child of God and a child of Belial? Perhaps we should put it clearer; what togetherness should ever be between an avowed enemy of the Cross, His Cross really and a saved saint of His? So come out of any and all unholy associations today and be not related to same and you will be out of all human induced temptations. You have been warned. Amen.

PRAY you will never be caught in the net of a false and falsifying woman. No. Never.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 25-26; Matthew 20:17-34

FEBRUARY 1st WHEN THE ENEMY PERSISTS AND INSISTS ON HARMING YOU

READ Judges 1:10 "And Delilah said to Samson, Behold, you have mocked me and told me lies; now tell me, I pray you, how you might be harmed."

Perhaps one reason why Samson fell among many others is his tolerance of the tempter who was open, straight forward and most unassuming in her commitment to ruin her spouse. You will recollect that Satan in Matthew 4 and Luke 4 continued in his tempting of the Lord and God until he was resisted and rebuked. Just quoting the Word of God to the tempter is not enough. He must be persistently resisted in his antics. Then thrusting him or her away in the Word of God he will be thrown out of the course of perdition he has mapped out for you. You must

continually and continuously resist the enemy. I must do likewise. Otherwise I have already fallen into his trap. You are most blessed in Him now and forever more, amen.

PRAY you are most consistent and persistent in your resistance to all temptations in His Name

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 27-28; Matthew 21:1-22

FEBRUARY 2ND THIS JESUS IS THE CHRIST MESSIAH OF ALL WHO WILL RECEIVE HIM

READ Acts of the Apostles 17:3 "Explaining [them] and [quoting passages] setting forth and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, This Jesus, Whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ (the Messiah)."

There is much need now more than any time before and in that increasing manner for us to set out the Christ Jesus of Nazareth as the only Messiah of the world and indeed the universe. For us to be able to do this implies first and foremost our own sound knowledge of the Truth of Christ Jesus as opposed to all social Gospel being peddled around. Such satanic nonsense is that once saved always saved. Another is once saved, all your problems are over as you are perfectly in prosperity. You ask them, if once saved is always saved; then why the need to abide in Him anymore; why the need to be watchful in prayer? Why the need to remain righteous after all I am already saved? Perhaps more importantly, why was Judas Iscariot never remained saved in the Way as well as the duo of Ananias and Sapphira? The list is endless. More importantly, why did the Christ have to suffer and learn obedience through same? The Truth and the divine one indeed is that narrow is the way of righteousness and only the consistently righteous successfully navigates same. You are blessed in Him perpetually, amen.

PRAY you will know the Truth of the Savior and Lord more intensely than hitherto.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 29-30; Matthew 21:23-46

FEBRUARY 3RD WHY MANY WILL BELIEVE YOUR GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

READ Acts of the Apostles 17:12 "Many of them therefore became believers, together with not a few prominent Greeks, women as well as men."

We are not assured or even promised acceptance of the Gospel by any and all each time we proclaim same. The command is to go into the world and teach all nations. Teaching does not in any way indicate the glossing over of the Truth; His Truth indeed. The word *teach* and its variant *teaching* presuppose a deliberate exposition to new knowledge the same which is Christ in this case. The teacher himself or herself must be competent and very really. More than this he must rely on God to establish the Word proclaimed and thereafter leave the rest to the Lord Almighty. You will recall that Saul of Tarsus who later became the apostle Paul lived during the life and times of Jesus Christ. He never believed then because it was not time for him to receive the Gospel. At the appointed time, he was forced to reckon with the Lord and God of all. This is

the truth. You and I should preach as we do our own bit and leave the rest to the Lord to accomplish at His own place and time. Amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in your competence of His Word.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 31-33; Matthew 22:1-22

FEBRUARY 4TH WHY THE LORD WILL KEEP YOUR GOING IN AND COMING OUT?

READ Psalm 121:8 "The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."

Keeping watch over you which is essentially keeping you away from all evil that may be conceived towards you is the assurance for all who will truly faith in the Lord. By way of reminder, He has promised in Isaiah 26:2 to keep in perfect peace all that trusts and rely on Him. This is in addition to His assurance of bequeathing His Peace to us as no other in John 12:27. There are only two problems in this. One is our own ability to recognize and accept that which is our peace and rest. Hezekiah was to die at age 39. He was not to accept this as he fought same with his prayerful supplications. He had added years but he never had peace or rest there from. John the baptizer expected deliverance from Jesus Christ when it was in his own interest to die as decreed by the Almighty having finished his assignment. Jesus Christ of Nazareth died at age 33 and half and on the Cross because that was not only His Peace but also the Peace of the world. The other problem is our inability to fully divest ourselves from our carnal desires. Regardless of all of these, God will keep you in perfect Peace if you will rely on Him and trust Him absolutely. Amen.

PRAY you are eternally blessed in Him amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 34-35; Matthew 22:23-46

FEBRUARY 5TH WHY YOU MUST CALL TO BE ANSWERED

READ Psalm 4:1 "ANSWER ME when I call, O God of my righteousness (uprightness, justice, and right standing with You)! You have freed me when I am hemmed in and enlarged me when I was in distress: have mercy upon me and hear my prayer."

The truth of the Christian Way cannot be ever over emphasized. That is the more reason why we keep on sermoning to update ourselves with the truth of the Way as long as we are on this side of the divide. It cannot be otherwise. We are saved. Yes. But the only reason we are this saved is for us to work righteousness as we walk down the way of Truth. This involves amongst others praying, fasting, reading, ruminating, meditating, memorizing and others to mention a few. If we refuse to be this active, then the Lord will not be able to help us. As we do our own bit of the bargain no matter how shoddily, we can be sure of His overbearing assistance in His Grace. Thus, if we pray not, He is not obliged to hear us. But once we pray earnestly in faith, He is obliged to hear us. You are most blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you are knowledgeable enough to come before His throne of Glory always.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 36-38; Matthew 23:1-22

FEBRUARY 6TH ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH VANITY AND FUTILITY AND LIES? WHY?

READ Psalm 4:2 "O you sons of men, how long will you turn my honor and glory into shame? How long will you love vanity and futility and seek after lies? Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!"

Believers as you know are citizens of heaven in that we are that focused and bound. As a result we are not of the world and its futilities by way of loving vanities; loving lies and lying; loving evils of this world and the likes. Because the world is essentially evil, we need to be mindful of our relations to the world. Our footprints must be pure, loving, and perfect within the Grace of God we are given. We should not in the least be found wanting. Where this is still the case, then it simply means we are still lacking behind in righteous doing. May I call you today into His renewed righteous living and walking? You are most blessed in Him perpetual amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in the righteousness of the Savior, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus39-40; Matthew 23:23-39

FEBRUARY 7TH BEING RIGHTEOUSLY ANGRY AND RETAINING HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS STILL

READ Psalm 4:4 "Be angry [or stand in awe] and sin not; commune with your own hearts upon your beds and be silent (sorry for the things you say in your hearts). Selah [pause, and calmly think of that}!"

Anger or better put righteous anger is a feature of the Godhead. As an image of Him and other Excellencies, we are given righteously to anger. For instance Psalm 15 notes that we are justified to disdain the unrighteous, wicked, and evil as we would be led by His Spirit that indwells us. However, we are admonished to keep our righteous anger righteous all the time. The moment our righteousness is being threatened in anger, we are to pull the brake. For indeed, we can exceed the righteous limit of His Grace any moment whether in anger or not. Not to do this is to be painstakingly in His love as we express our righteousness in anger. How do we ensure this? This we will ensure by keeping faith with His Spirit always anger or not. Remember that as many as are led by His Spirit are His. If His Spirit leads us into anger, we can be sure emotional expression is righteous. He Who leads will also signify when it is over. As long as we listen to Him in all things, we remain blessed. You are most blessed in His Grace, amen.

PRAY we are always pure and perfect in His Righteousness bestowed on us in His Grace.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 1-3; Matthew 24:1-28

FEBRUARY 8TH LYING DOWN AND WAKING UP ALWAYS IN HIS PEACE-THE PANACEA

READ Psalm 4:8 "In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for You, Lord, alone make me dwell in safety and confident trust."

As mentioned sometimes in this Devotional, we are guaranteed His Peace as no other all our lives in this planet earth. Of course, His Peace is not the same as not having trials, tribulations, temptations, and other realities of the consequences of our sinning world and nature. The point is whatever the situation; no matter the circumstances, we are assured that Jesus knows about it and either has decreed it or allowed it to come to pass. More than this, He is in it with us. This alone is all that we need. His Peace does not in any way indicate our ever having and never lacking. No. This is not it. His Peace does not in any way signify our never knowing any sorrow or our ever having it our way any time. What His Peace signifies again in short is that His will and purpose whatever this may be will be a fulfillment in our lives. And regardless of what becomes our portion here on earth, we are sure we would reign with Him in eternity life. This is lying down in Peace, His Peace really and waking up also in same. How about this?

PRAY the sufficiency of His Peace is totally indwelling you now and forever more, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 4-5; Matthew 24:29-51

FEBRUARY 9TH THOSE WHO STAND BEFORE THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 5:5 "Boasters can have no standing in Your sight; You abhor all evildoers."

As magnified and honor personified as our Lord and God is, the humble are always graced to be in His Presence. This is the more reason why the Psalter in the sixteenth Psalm notes that in the Presence of God is the fullness of Joy. The fullness of His joy is only available for the humble in His Grace not necessarily the humbled. When you willingly purge yourself of yourself; when you deliberately empty yourself of all that is dignifying; when you make yourself of no repute, then you have humbled yourself. But when forced so to do in His judgment, you cannot be said to be humble. You have simply been humbled. God Almighty cannot and will never stand the haughty and arrogant. Rather, He would know them and judge them from afar. Wanting to always stand in His Presence? Then always comport yourself in His holiness. You are blessed affectionately forever in Him amen.

PRAY you will always humble yourself in Him and not wait to be humbled. Amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 6-7; Matthew 25:1-30

FEBRUARY 10TH DESRUCTION AWAITS THE BLOODTHIRSTY, LIARS, AND THE DECEITFUL

READ Psalm 5:6 "You will destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors [and rejects] the bloodthirsty and deceitful man."

Perhaps a good way of beginning today's sermon cum message is to first define in a little manner the operative words in the passage. To lie is to say that which is not the truth for

reasons of advantage. It is being given to falsehood. To be bloodthirsty is to seek the life or lives of others without any lawful authority. It is to be most harmful to another in such a way that that person's peace and tranquility are impaired. Being deceitful is closely related to lying. It is to present as true that which is not the truth for reasons of benefitting the self. There is a sense in which all these are interrelated. One who lies is deceitful for that is what lying is, pure and simple. Being bloodthirsty involves both lying and deceit as you will always want to ensnare your target. The message today is any who is habitually given to this will be detested by the Almighty. When we are His delight, we struggle with the vicissitudes of life. How much more problems shall we attract unto ourselves when we behave unseemingly! This is food for thought unto the wise in the Spirit. You are most blessed in Him amen.

PRAY the I Am that I Am lives in you always to guard, guide, and lead you through.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 8-10; Matthew 25:32-46

FEBRUARY 11TH WHEN THEIR EXCELLENCIES WILL HOLD YOU GUILTY

READ Psalm 5:10 "Hold them guilty, O God; let them fall by their own designs and counsels; cast them out because of the multitude of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against You."

There is no gainsaying the truth; any who will live by his self will; any who will be wise in his own eyes; any who will choose persistently to reject God's given counsel for him or her; any who is given to the multiplication of transgressions cannot turn around to blame any for his or her woes save for himself or herself. Why? The answer is one who will reject counsel particularly divine is given to self destruction. May this never be your portion in life once having come into His glorious light. You are most blessed in Christ Jesus the Almighty. You therefore have no need of any solo act again. No. Never in your life as He has promised to always be there for you much as He is there in you. So why walk solo when you can always rely on His lead and leading!

PRAY you are firmly entrenched in Him always.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 11-12; Matthew 26:1-25

FEBRUARY 12TH WHY THE LORD GOD WILL BLESS THE UNCOMPROMISINGLY RIGHTEOUS ALWAYS

READ Psalm 5"12 "For You, Lord, will bless the [uncompromisingly] righteous [him who is upright and in right standing with You]; as with a shield You will surround him with goodwill (pleasure and favor)."

To be uncompromisingly righteous is to be persistently and consistently committed in good doing. It is to be totally opposed to any and all things unrighteous. It is being given to the WAY of righteous commitment so much as never to go outside of same. It is being constantly godly and righteously too. Any who does this cannot but be indwelled with the Holy Spirit. All his

actions and inactions; all he does and all he would not do; all he is given to doing cannot but be always led by the Holy Spirit of God living in Him. As a result, he cannot but be a reflection of God Almighty in his daily living. Accordingly, he is blessed already in the Lord God Almighty. Anything to the contrary is simply *Balamic* and of no effect at all. Come on board please and be this uncompromisingly righteous now and ever amen.

PRAY you are Him as much as He is in your being.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 13; Matthew 26:26-50

FEBRUARY 13TH COMING INTO YOUR YEAR OF THE DEATH OF KING UZZIAH

READ Isaiah 6:1 "IN THE year that King Uzziah died, [in a vision] I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and the skirts of His train filled the [most holy part of the] temple."

You may want to know that King Uzziah was one of the very few kings of Israel, nay Judah, who walked with the Lord from their youth. As a result, he was on a good working and walking relation with the righteous and holy prophet Isaiah. But just one transgression of going into the temple's holy place and offering incense when he was not of the tribe of Levi and that was enough for God to punish his transgression particularly when he rejected reprove. He was rejected by God the remaining part of his life as he became leprous and lived and died outside of the palace. Isaiah was so saddened by this act of God and was almost questioning the authority of God Whom he thought had overreacted. God in His unique way of solving problems only needed to show the prophet His Glory and that was enough to convince and convict the prophet of his immense sin and sinning as opposed to God's perpetual holiness. You need to see the Lord God in His Glory too to persuade yourself of your immense sinfulness but for His Grace. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will never ever think of blaming God for anything no matter the circumstance.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 14; Matthew 26:51-75

FEBRUARY 14TH WHEN THE VOICE OF THE LORD SHAKES YOUR FOUNDATIONS

READ Isaiah 6:4 "And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who cried, and the house was filled with smoke."

Although it was the voice of the Seraphim who cried that shook the foundation of the house cum temple; yet, they bore as it were the features of the Godhead to an extent. The Seraphim sing His Praises at the head of His throne borne by the Cherubim. They collectively vindicate the holiness of the Lord. They represent the visible aspect of the invisible Lord God. As a result, almost in all instances, seeing the throng of either the Cherubim or the Seraphim is seeing the Almighty Whose voice is variously described in Scripture as the voice of many waters; as the voice of multitudes; as the voice of God Himself. [See Ezekiel 1]. When last has He spoken to you

and the foundations of all that is you are badly shaken in awe! You will witness more of this, this New Year. Amen.

PRAY you experience His Omniscient Power always in your sojourn here on earth.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 15-16; Matthew 27:1-26

FEBRUARY 15TH SEEING THE SERAPHIM COMING FROM HIS ALTAR-THE MIRACLE INVOLVED

READ Isaiah 6:6 "Then flew one of the seraphim [heavenly beings] to me, having a live coal in his hand which he had taken with tongs from off the altar."

As a follow-up to yesterday's ministration, seeing the Seraphim is akin to seeing the throne of the Almighty above which they minister His Praises. Seeing them in their sacrificial ministration the same that the prophet Isaiah saw as one took the coal from the Altar of Sacrifice the personification of which is Jesus Christ of Nazareth as He hung on the Cross is seeing His Salvation pure and simple. The miracle of salvation is the miracle of Eternity Life itself. Have you seen this in your life? To put it simply and straight forward, have you accepted Christ Jesus as Personal Lord and Savior? Then you need to see the ministering Seraph today and now too. Any other time can be too late. The other male factor who hung on the side of the Savior who delayed had himself to blame. See the Lord in His Cross sacrifice today as you accept and live His Life in your being today and always. Amen.

PRAY you will not delay any further but will go straight forward to His sanctifying cross now.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 17-18; Matthew 27:27-50

FEBRUARY 16TH HEARING THE VOICE OF SALVATION

READ Isaiah 6:8 "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for Us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."

The significance of His Cross is better amplified and appreciated if one were to listen diligently and respond positively always to His calling. His call is not limited only to the call unto Salvation. Remember that the prophet Isaiah was not just being called into salvation here. In all probability, he had been saved and had been ministering His Word. Yet, here he received yet His call as He sends Him to the entire universe of His. His response determined what He would say or do next. In like manner, how you respond to the Lord each time He calls on you no matter the mode of His call determines whether or not you would abide in His salvation if you are already in or whether or not you would ever be in at all. Where are you and I in all these? Have you been called like me and have accepted His call? Then stay on course. Daily find out what His next assignment or appointment is for you and diligently do same. You are yet to be called into salvation? Today is the day of your calling as you read this piece. Accept His offer today. It is a life time offer. Do not delay for one moment. You are most blessed in Him perfectly amen.

PRAY you are ever ready for His call and callings all days of your life amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 19-20; Matthew 27:51-66

FEBRUARY 17TH WHEN HE DECIDES TO LEAVE YOU IN YOUR INTRASIGENCE

READ Isaiah 6:10 "Make the heart of this people fat; and make their ears heavy and shut their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and turn again and be healed."

You need to know and accept today the truth that nothing ever chances into existence and nothing anywhere in the universe will ever come into being without the Lord decreeing it or permitting same. When He decrees same, we say it is His directive will. Where the Godhead for any reason permits what they do not decree, we say it is Their permissive will; permissive to sin and be judged therewith. Israel had His decree of not divorcing their wives. This was His directive will. For their stiff-neckedness, He allowed them to give a certificate of divorce if that was their will. A more straight forward one was the issue of Pharaoh. God never decreed his destruction. No. He never did. But through his persistent and committed intransigence to obstruct His way shown to him through Moses and Aaron, he was permitted to see his obstinacy through as he perished in the Sea of Reeds. If you will not obey the Truth of Scripture, be sure that God will permit that you be deceived into perdition. Ahab the King was another good example. You have been warned. Accept His call today and other callings as they would be revealed to you. Amen.

PRAY you will always be in His Directive will and not be going for His Permissive will.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 21-22; Matthew 28

FEBRUARY 18TH WHEN HIS SPIRIT IN YOU IS GRIEVED AND ROUSED TO ANGER

READ Acts of the Apostles 17:16 "Now while Paul was awaiting them at Athens, his spirit was grieved and roused to anger as he saw that the city was full of idols."

The Holy Spirit of God indwells all truly born again saints. Not because of any other reason other than our being His. He is there essentially to guide and guard us as He reminds us all of all He has thought us as well as teach us new things He Christ left untaught when He pilgrimaged this earth. He is the Spirit of His Comfort as He comforts and makes us His delight all the time. Nevertheless, we do grieve Him as well as rouse His anger which is not good at all for us. In the wilderness, the Angel of the Lord also called the Angel of His Presence played the same role in the lives of the Israelites. He was and still is Jesus Christ of Nazareth. In the same way, God warned them not to provoke or disobey Him as being One of the Godhead, He would not pardon their transgressions. Unfortunately, they did exactly as they were forbidden. However, we can be zealous for God and all that is His. In this way, we would wait on Him to do exactly all that He has commanded in this instance. What grieves you in the Lord or how often do you grieve the

Holy Spirit the same that seals our brotherhood until the day of final Redemption? This is food for thought. Amen.

PRAY you will always be led by Him to yield to His promptings. Amen, alleluia.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus23-24; Mark 1:1-22

FEBRUARY 19TH GETTING INVOLVED IN HIS APOLOGETICS

READ Acts of the Apostles 17:17 "So he reasoned and argued in the synagogue with the Jews and those who worshipped there, and in the marketplace [where assemblies are held] day after day with any who chanced to be there."

Apologetics is the theological nomenclature for the defense of the Gospel. There is no way anyone will truly be a Christian without being apologetical as the occasion will demand. As a matter of divine Truth, His Truth really, God in Christ has made us all defenders of His Gospel of Peace the moment we obey the Great Commission. Besides this, each time we Praise His Holy name; testify to His marvelous power in our lives; thank Him for His all whether privately or otherwise in the service or wherever, we defend His soteriological power and His Grace to all. How often do you argue and reason righteously with any who will dare listen to you on your Faith in Him? This is also known as evangelism. All days of our lives we must be so committed as this is the only way not to be selfish in matters of global evangelism. Remember you are His soldier and the good one for that matter. You are most blessed in Him, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will always defend His Grace upon your life as the opportunity comes up.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 25; Mark 1:23-45

FEBRUARY 20TH WHEN YOU ARE TAKEN TO THE AREOPAGUS

READ Acts of the Apostles 17:19 "And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus [Mars Hill meeting place], saying, May we know what this novel (unheard of and unprecedented) teaching is which you are openly declaring?"

For ease of reference and understanding, the Areopagus of the then Athens was the central meeting point of this ancient city where among others debates were held. People of sound minds and intellectual knowledge displayed and marketed their wares as it were then. You made a fool of yourself if you were not of a sound mind and intellectualism. This was where Paul the apostle found himself defending successfully in the power of the Holy Spirit that which he had received on his way to Damascus. How much of Christ do I know or rather how much of Him have I given myself to know? How successful have I gone in preparing myself for the intellectual aspect of disseminating His knowledge? There was a time I had to minister and educate colleagues as well as senior colleagues of mine at the department of English at the University of Lagos on the truth of God's existence. The way God used me to approach the issue convinced the most ardent critic of the Way who was the Professor and head of department. His argument

was if God existed, why the great disparities in life? Why would God spare the evil ones while closing His eyes on the evil done repeatedly? You and I must always be ready to defend His Grace at the various Areopaguses of the world. Amen.

PRAY you will make yourself ready for His use anyway, anyhow, any time.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 26-27; Mark 2

FEBRUARY 21ST WHY YOU MUST BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN HIS MINISTRATION ALWAYS

READ Acts of the Apostles 17:22 "So Paul, standing in the center of the Areopagus [Mars Hill meeting place], said: Men of Athens, I perceive in every way [on every hand and with every turn I make] that you are most religious or very reverent to demons."

You may want to know that *The King James' version* uses the word superstition instead of religious. Religiosity is not necessarily the same as being devout to God's worship. To be superstitious is to be speculative when it comes to the Godhead and faithing in Them. It is being receptive to the many atheistic theories concerning the existence of God. As a result as here interpreted it is being reverent to the doctrines and practices of demon and if demons then demonism. You will be surprised to know that not a few of those who throng revival grounds are given to the worship of demons whether knowingly or otherwise. Many do not even care who they reverent in worship as long as their temporary problems are solved. It is a wrong and grave approach to wanting to serve and worship the Lord. If your spirit man does not get repulsed at the open worship of demons in its various ways, then watch it, you may be demonized already. Be a Paul for Christ and stand against demonism and superstition in all ways.

PRAY you will never worship the unknown god of this earth in whatever manner.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 1-3; Mark 3

FEBRUARY 22ND KNOWING AND AFFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD

READ Acts of the Apostles 17:28 "For in Him we live and move and have our being; as even some of your [own] poets have said, For we are also His offspring."

As good as knowledge is, it is worthless if not applied in wisdom. As a result, one's knowledge of God is naught if it is not expressed in His affirmation. Perhaps a better way of expressing myself here is the truth that all you will ever come to know about the Almighty from all sources He would make available to you are for the testimony of Himself. They are for the proclamation of your experience of His powerful Being in all your all. Besides this, there is no need knowing about Him at all. Therefore, at any and all given opportunity even in death if this were possible proclaim your Savior and Lord Who is God and Lord of all. This is what the indefatigable and ebullient apostle Paul did here. He Who was with the apostle Paul is with you and all who will proclaim His might. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will always talk His Might and Power over your all amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 4-6; Mark 4:1-20

FEBRUARY 23RD WHEN AND WHY GOD HAS IGNORED YOUR AGES OF IGNORANCE

READ Acts of the Apostles 17:30 "Such [former]ages of ignorance God, it is true, ignored and allowed to pass unnoticed; but now He charges all people everywhere to repent to change their minds for the better and heartily to amend their way, with abhorrence of their past."

Until you heard and accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ the same that is the good news in that it informs you of your free gift in the total, complete and vicarious sacrifice of the Lord God; you are in your sins and hell bound. In addition, you are not only naïve in matters of salvation but you are also totally unknowing. So, your ignorance and lack of exposure to the Gospel is graciously overlooked by Him Who by His power and might formed and is sustaining all in the universe. From the moment you come into the knowledge of the Truth the Same Who is Lord God Jesus Christ, you are without any excuse not to come into His Commonwealth of the saints. May I invite you truly today [again] if you have not honestly given your life to Jesus to so do now and become one of His saints! He is waiting for you so that for the rest of your life He would wait on you and all that is yours as He watches over you. Welcome home brothers and sisters. You are most blessed, alleluia.

PRAY you are in the only safe Hands of the Almighty God now and always.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 7-8; Mark 4:21-41

FEBRUARY 24TH JOINING THE BANDWAGON OF THE FAITHFUL-REWARDS THEREIN

READ Acts of the Apostles 14:34 "But some men were on his side and joined him and believed (became Christians); among them were Dionysius, a judge of the Areopagus, and a woman named Damaris, and some others with them."

Contrary to what some philosophers had propounded among whom was the famous Fredrick Nietzsche, people of note and integrity had been coming on board the Christian train of the faithful as early as the Gospel was being preached. One instance was the illustrations taken from today's text. This is not even the point. God calls whosoever He pleases whether rich or poor; weak or strong; white or black. All are His as He created all in the first instance. You are as important to the Lord as the life of Jesus Christ Himself. This is the more reason why it was the life of Christ Jesus that was exchanged for you. You are worth the life and times of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. The self sacrifice He made on the Cross He made for your purpose; indeed, for your salvation. On this basis alone and in His Name that is above all other names I call on you today to join the heavenly train and you will never be the same again. Amen in His Glorious Name, amen.

PRAY you come into and abide eternally in His Train, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 9-11; Mark 5:1-20

FEBRUARY 25TH WHY YOU MUST LIVE A GRIEF-FREE LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS

READ Isaiah 53:4 "Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]."

As a matter of Truth and not just facts thereof, no Christian living or dead will ever be able to know the enormity of the Liberty, Freedom, Salvation and all else we have in Christ Jesus. Only any who could meaningfully fathom the depth of the sea and the qualitative and quantitative worth of all that are the oceans of the world can safely attempt to doing this. Even then, it would be mostly inconclusive. For in Christ Jesus, I am given His all. Not only this, I am given all of the Godhead as well as all that will be shown of Their largesse in the worlds to come. This is what it means to be a Christian, and a true one really. Attempting a quantification of same in the least is what this Bible verse lists here-all our possible grieves and grieving; all our possible sicknesses, weaknesses and distresses that we can ever be buffeted with He has taken away the moment we believe truly in Him. As a result, I am a living image of Christ Jesus. I am Him as much as He is me as I am presently living His own life in my being having allowed my being to have been crucified with Him even before I was born. Do you realize this mystery? Just as all sinners remain dead in Adam today, so is everyone who believes as well as those who had believed remain living in Christ today even though long dead. Do you believe this? It is good you believe the Truth and now too.

PRAY you are made to understand the mystery of God's joy in Christ Jesus in full here on earth.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 12-14; Mark 6:21-43

FEBRUARY 26TH BEING MADE WHOLE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR SAVIOR

READ Isaiah 53:5 "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, *and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole."-Emphasis mine.*

Further to our deliberations of yesterday, no one ever knows nor is any given to know while we are on this part of the globe, nay universe, how much God Almighty has loved us. I am not talking of His loving us now. I am actually highlighting how much love He has shown for us and so showered on us in ages past such that in His only begotten Son, we live and will so ever be till eternity upon eternity that is endless. The best behaved among us is not worth anything in His holiness. If in the face of Their Excellencies the heavens are not without sin; if Their Excellencies find sin and faults in both Their heavenly angels and the moon and the sun; then you will know that no one can ever attain to His holiness. That's why in Psalms 14 and 53 Their Excellencies could not find any who is worthy among the sons of men. Yet, you are worthy; I am worthy. Not

only this, I am worth Christ Jesus in the Grace of the Father. So I am whole in Him and Him only as long as I abide in His Grace; not only me, but all also, who will believe in His Grace. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY to be found by Him and to so remain in Him until eternity Life in Him, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 15-16; Mark 6:1-29

FEBRUARY 27TH CASTING A BACK VIEW TO OUR PRE-SALVATION DAYS

READ Isaiah 53:6 "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way: and the Lord has made to light upon Him the guilt and iniquity of us all."

In time past when we were on our own; when we knew not the Lord; when indeed we were not even conscious of His LOVE and vicarious sacrifice for us all; we went our ways as if nothing was wrong in us; as if all was well with and in us; as if we were really lord of the universe not just of ourselves. But Glory is God in the highest heavens as we come into His Faith, we are given His Righteousness free of charge the same that opened our eyes to our sinfulness not unto our pride as did Adam and Eve. In His Righteousness, I am made to see the exceeding sinfulness of sin and my need of the Eternal Savior. All this His Grace has brought on me without my deserving it. How Great Thou Art O Lord! How Great indeed are You Mighty Lord! Your Grace is all I need. The Jews of the Moses' time couldn't listen to the Lord's Word through him largely because they lacked this Grace. This Grace is bestowed on me free of charge. How Gracious is Your Grace O Lord of Hosts! Alleluia.

PRAY you are enlightened in His Grace, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 17-19; Mark 6:30-56

FEBRUARY 28TH KNOWING HIS WAY TO AND ON THE CROSS

READ Isaiah 53:8 "By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who among them considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living [stricken to His death] for the transgression of my [Isaiah's] people, to whom the stroke was due?"

Knowing His pathway to and on the Cross is a great advantage in appreciating the worth of the Messiah when we come to the foot of His Cross in the Faith. In today's piece we are reminded of the Truth, the harrowing truth of the pathway of the Master and Savior as He journeyed to the Cross at Calvary. He was not just dragged there as it were; but He was forcefully oppressed thereto. We know that this was prophesied thus establishing the Truth of His Word that this came to pass as conceived; ordained; and purposed by the Almighty God. There was this sham of a trial leading to the predetermined judgment-death or as they expressed it then-doing away with Him that gave the impression of fair trial and justice. But all these were accomplished for your sake; for my sake He had to bear this much the same that was unprecedented. How much

are you giving back to Him in terms of Praises, His Praises really and all the others? Ponder over this today and always. You are blessed in Him perpetually amen.

PRAY you will be sober enough to humble yourself before His Throne of Grace, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 20-22; Mark 7:1-13

MARCH 1ST WHEN THE LORD GOD SENDS YOU

READ Isaiah 6:9 "And He said, Go and tell this people, Hear and hear continually, but understand not; and see continually, but do not apprehend with your mind."

We all have to realize that the kind of message sent by whoever has to do with the state of mind of the sender as his or her perception of who the receiver is. It is the same thing as saying how the sender expects the response of the receiver to be. In the case of the Almighty Who knows all and does all things even before they are made manifest to us the sons of men, the case is even more magnified. In the passage ju8st read and which we are treating; the Lord sent His messenger the very prophet Isaiah to the lost but stiff-necked souls of the House of Jacob. And knowing them to be stiff-necked against all reasons not to talk of divine persuasion, His message was not a message of peace; nay,. Not His Peace that all deserves. The point is, who are you and how do you react or respond to past messages of the Almighty? How you will react to His message determines how He will relate to you in the ultimate. God is sovereign yet, He has given to the sons of men a freewill the same that holds us accountable to our various choices. Choose Life today; His Life really and live!

PRAY you will never force God to give up on you. No. Never!

HIS BLOOD HISM FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 23-25; Mark 7:14-37

MARCH 2ND WHEN AND WHY THE LORD HAS GIVEN UP ON YOUR INTRASIGENCE

READ Isaiah 6:10 "Make the heart of this people fat; and make their ears heavy and shut their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and turn again and be healed."

A good many of us do not have the correct and appropriate perspective of the Almighty. By this is meant a good many that throng the churches today are not better than the heathens who do not come to seek God at all. This is most saddening as the only reason of seeking God is to do His will. To do this presupposes His knowledge no matter how faint this is. The point is God is not resigned to our intransigence. He is not a God Who takes orders from any one. As a matter of truth, divine truth really, God is Lord of all in the universe Who is not answerable to anyone. Not even to the other members of the Godhead. Rather, as the only True Sovereign, God does what He desires-pure and simple. He is governed by His own will and all who wants to relate to Him; commune with and in Him must as of necessity do this in line with His expressed will.

Where for any reason one defaults on this, God loses nothing but will consign the rebel to his or her chosen fate. This will not be your portion in Jesus mighty and holy name, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will seek the Lord while He is near and when He is to be seen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 26-27; Mark 8:1-21

MARCH 3RD PRAY NEVER TO COME INTO HIS JUDGMENT AT ALL

READ Isaiah 6:11 "Then said I, Lord, how long? And He answered, Until cities lie waste without inhabitant and houses without man, and the land is utterly desolate."

As a follow up to our discussions of recent, God's judgment is better avoided than ever come into. Psalm 2 rightly notes that in just a moment of His anger, one is utterly consumed. Perhaps we need to remind ourselves that humanity still dies today because of His momentary anger in the Garden of Eden. Even the sacrifice of Jesus Christ of Nazareth has not erased this death sentence. All it does is to override same by making death a passage to eternity whether eternity Life or death. This is so because anything the Lord God has conceived is already a fulfillment not to talk of His pronouncing it. And when He utters another to nullify the first, it only overrides but does not utterly cancel the former. That is why in Romans 11:29 we are reminded that the gifts and callings of the Almighty are irrevocable. He does not take them away after releasing them regardless of what we do. That is why Satan the arch enemy today remains anointed of the Lord keeping all previous gifts of the Lord. Fear never to come into His judgment. You are most blessed in Him amen.

PRAY His message to you will never be judgmental, but compassionate.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 28-30; Mark 8:22-38

MARCH 4TH GOING TO GOD FOR YOURSELF [YOUR OWN GOOD]

READ Genesis 12:1 "NOW [IN Haran] the Lord said to Abram, Go for yourself [for your own advantage] away from your country, from your relatives and your father's house, to the land that I will show you."

It must be made abundantly clear that when we obey God's commands, we do not do God any favor. All that is favorable in our lives are free gifts of His. There is no doubt that He is honored in our obedience. The truth however must be told: God loses nothing if the whole world is disobedient to Him. As a result, we should come to the realization that obeying God is in our own best interest. Let us take the case in point as seen in this text. As our entire knowledge of Scripture has shown, God was taking away Abram later Abraham from the sins, pollutions, and eventual curse of his generation. Only he was this elected. Had he not obeyed God Almighty, thousands better than him would have fulfilled the purpose of God as He can never fail in His purposive will. It is in the light of this that I am urging all of you reading me now to always come into obedience. Let us put it straight- no one knows all God is doing or about to do. But we know

one thing that all He does is good. He never does evil. This should be enough for you and I to follow Him in Faith as the obedient shall live by his Faith and no other. You are most blessed. Amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in your total obedience to the Lord God.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 31-33; Mark 9:1-29

MARCH 5TH THE CONSEQUENCES OF OBEYING HIM 1

READ Genesis 12:2 "And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others]."

Theologians have maintained quite rightly that there can be no appropriation of Faith in Christ Jesus without obedience. This is most true as faith itself stems out of the Love of and for the most High God. Thus if I love the Lord from His love earlier shed in my heart, I cannot but faith in Him. In other words, my love for and in Him engenders my faithing in Him as I entrust my all to and in Him. I cannot therefore disobey Him as I wouldn't want to do anything that will not delight and please Him. Giving Him honor by my obedience of His orders regularly enriches my position of delight in Him. As a result, He showers me with more blessings of His. And there is no limit to His blessings upon all who will constantly honor Him in obedience. You will recall that He gave Christ Jesus more glory and honor than He Jesus had before His death and resurrection for honoring and obeying Him God to the point of death even death on the Cross. This is gain number one of your obedience to the Lord. Amen.

PRAY you adequately come into the mystery of His obedience engendering His blessings shower.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 34-36; Mark 9:30-50

MARCH 6TH THE CONSEQUENCES OF OBEYING HIM 2

READ Genesis 12:3 "And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses or uses insolent language towards you; in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves]."

Perhaps the best of the consequences of constant and persistent obedience to His Word is to be found in one becoming a well springing out His blessings. It is akin to the well of divine waters that form in one's heart the very moment one truly comes into the Faith such that one thirsts no more and forever. In the same way, one who truly believes in Him and allows this to translate into obedience to all His Laws of Grace will not only receive His blessings but more than this will himself or herself become a fountain of His blessings not only dispensing His blessings in Grace but more than this permanently radiating His godliness in all that he or she does. In this way, he waters and nourishes indirectly the families and kindred of this world. That is what being constantly and persistently obedient to Him endows one with. You are welcome into this new

revelation of His which is not novel as such but which is newly imprinted into your being. Amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are this blessed in Him always.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 1-2; Mark 10:1-31

MARCH 7th WHEN IT IS RIGHTEOUS TO REMIND GOD OF ONE'S GOOD DEEDS

READ Psalm 7:3 "O Lord my God, if I have done this, if there is wrong in my hands."

Although no mortal can ever be righteous before the Living Lord God of all ages, yet, it is a spiritual and divine truism to relay one's righteousness before the Lord God should the need arise. If it is a matter of never ever been righteous before the Living Lord, how does God judge the righteous from the unrighteous? More importantly, how does He determine the reward of the righteous if no record of good doing is ever kept by Him? No doubt, God expects us to do good in His righteousness after being called into His Faith. Hence, it is necessary to accumulate good doing just as is the case with today's Scriptural passage. The Apostle and King David in the 18th Psalm alludes to his own righteousness for which the Lord God hearkens to him. What righteous deeds have you and I to put forward to Their Excellencies in the day of trouble? The great prophet Job also refers to his righteousness in the areas of fidelity and mercifulness unto the needy. Wherein lays your righteous acts and deeds? Ponder over this today and align yourself to His Righteousness. Amen.

PRAY you will always have enough good doing in His Reservoir of Righteousness.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 3-5; Mark 10:32-52

MARCH 8TH HAVING THE BOLDNESS TO SEEK GOD'S JUDGMENT

READ Psalm 7:8 "The Lord judges the people; judge me, O Lord, and do me justice according to my righteousness [my rightness, justice, and right standing with You] and according to the integrity that is in me."

Often we tend to forget or deliberately refuse to be reminded that the only reason for our salvation is to work out our salvation with trembling and fear for it is possible to lose salvation as Judas Iscariot or not to work righteousness in salvation. Either of this is no good although losing salvation is worse than never having been saved at all. Whatever we want to remind ourselves, like Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon us is for us to go about doing good and setting free all held captive in satanic covens. Not doing this is tantamount to not working righteousness and justice. We must as a matter of obligation work righteousness and good doing for which we are all Holy Ghost baptized. How much of this are you giving yourself into doing? How much of this have I given myself into doing? This is food for thought.

PRAY Father, I will live up to Your anointing and call upon my life amen.

HIS BLLOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 5-7; Mark 11:1-18

MARCH 9TH WITH WHAT ARE YOU PREGNANT-RIGHTEOUSNESS OR MISCHIEF?

READ Psalm 7:14 "Behold, [the wicked man] conceives iniquity and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies."

I want you to know quite rightly that pregnancy is not limited to procreation. No, it does not. In its extended meaning, one can be pregnant with almost any and all things depending on one's conception of the idea. For instance I am bearing in me the pregnancy of birthing the largest congregation of the Lord of all time. I just didn't come up with this but I am prompted by the various revelations of God Almighty to and for me. Although I am not at all near same, I am no doubt heavy with this pregnancy for which I look forward to the Lord's timely birthing of same in and for His Glory alone. With what are you pregnant? Your conception leads to your pregnancy the same that determines your giving birth. What are you and not just who are you? I wish you all you will allow the Lord to conceive in you today and always. You are what is conceived in yourself. It cannot be otherwise. Amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are in God as much as He is in you.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 8-10; Mark 11:19-33

MARCH 10TH EXCELLENT, MAJESTIC, AND GLORIOUS IS OUR LORD GOD

READ Psalm 8:1 "O LORD, our Lord, how excellent (majestic and glorious) is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory on [or above] the heavens."

Singing the Praises of the Most High always is about the best anyone can give to Him I want to postulate most humbly and reverently. This is so because it shows acknowledgement of His Being; then it demonstrates one's appreciation of His goodness in all ramification over one's life. One thing though is that no one can actually do this always like the Seraphim do continually as well as the Four Living Beings without being prompted, enabled, and made so to do by the Holy Spirit, His Holy Spirit really. The apostle and prophet Job was able to excellently do this as we see in the first two chapters of the book named after him as he worshipped God Almighty after hearing the worst news of his life. Only one who is Holy Spirit filled and led can so do. No one can so do without this enablement. As a matter of divine Truth, we get the best from God if only we praise Him. What we would not obtain by prayer and intercession we would automatically have thrusted on us by singing His Praises. How well are you doing this; or better still how much are you allowing the Holy Spirit to so build you and I up? Glory is God in the Highest Heavens, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are His Praise not just praising Him and always too.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 11-13; Mark 12:1-27

MARCH 11TH GOD'S UNIQUE WAY OF PROVING HIMSELF

READ Psalm 8:2 "Out of the mouth of babes and unweaned infants You have established strength because of Your foes, that You might silence the enemy and the avenger. "

Our God unlike the mortal man does not prove Himself in our own mundane ways. No. He never does that. Rather, He shows His power and strength in His own unique ways. When there was war in heaven, He sent not the greatest of His angels to war against the arch enemy but only the angel Michael to lead the fight. Michael could only win the warfare by the Precious Blood of the Lamb and by the testimony of the Saints. He couldn't win on his own power. Also God sent Gabriel to answer Daniel when He knew he would be hindered by the prince of Persia. Michael was to later assist Gabriel. Why not send Michael initially or both at the same time? For the same reason, He would perfect His Praise and has actually done this through the feeble. The lesson is God will perfect His works in your life through ways you know not. Only stay still and see His Glory. Amen.

PRAY you will wait on the Lord throughout your sojourn here on earth, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 14-16; Mark 12:28-44

MARCH 12TH WHEN AND WHY GOD WOULD PUT ALL UNDER YOUR FEET

READ Psalm 8:6b "You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet."

Almost in every piece of Scripture it is made abundantly clear that all exists for and to serve the pleasure of God the Maker and Sustainer of all. This is either overtly stated or covertly expressed. All God puts in place is to serve His own interest. He never does anything or allows anything that does not serve His own interest in the final analysis. That is why Revelation 4:11 openly states that all are created for the pleasure of the Almighty. In the epistle to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul in chapter 15 of the first epistle argues that God has put all things under Jesus that Jesus Himself will ultimately be subjected to God Almighty so that God will be all in all. This much is seen in verse 28. Also in Philippians 2:11 we are told that all knees must bow and all tongues confess Jesus as Lord only to the Glory of the Father. The point to note today is that God will subject and subdue all to you only for Him to Glory in same. Whatever will not glorify the Almighty will ultimately come to naught. You are most blessed in Him. Amen.

PRAY you are knowledgeable enough to see God's Glory in all you do.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 17-19; Mark 13:1-20

MARCH 13TH RECOUNTING AND TELLING ALOUD GOD'S POWER THROUGH PRAISES 1

READ Psalm 9:1 "I WILL praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth (recounts and tell aloud) all Your marvelous works and wonderful deeds!"

It is not enough to thank God in our hearts or in the closet of our rooms. More importantly there is the evangelistic part of thanking Him and showing forth His praises. This is the one done in the public where public will mean anything outside of the self. The need to do this is not just only testimonial, but as today's Scripture has shown is praising His only Name. My short sojourn of about 61 years in and with Him has shown that thanking the Lord and being able to shout His praises particularly in turbulent times are enough prayers needed to quieten the hurricane of vicissitudes. Cultivate the habit of doing same today and nurture same to the level of character and have your destiny engraved in the palm of His hands. Amen alleluia.

PRAY you are dedicated enough to always sing His Praises loud and publicly too.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 20-22; Mark 13:21-37

MARCH 14TH RECOUNTING AND TELLING ALOUD GOD'S POWER THROUGH PRAISES 2

READ Psalm 9:11 "Sing praises to the Lord, Who dwells in Zion! Declare among the peoples His doings!"

Let me add this to our discussions so far and in the Name of the Lord Most High. To recount is to call back again. It is a kind of bringing back to memory that which had previously taken place. To tell is to say as it is that which is true most of the time. Most of the times in that people do tell lies even in the House of God though unrighteously. But in our case we are proclaiming that which is not only true but saying same in the Praise of Him Who alone has brought it to pass. A lot of the Psalms are praises of the Lord to those who had experienced His powerful hands in the past. Believing God and keeping the Faith that is Jesus Christ the Savior entails this much. Please go ahead today in like manner and sing aloud His Mighty and Glorious deeds in your life. You are this blessed. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are never overtaken with non-recounting of His past deeds in your life amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 23-25; Mark 14:1-26

MARCH 15TH ARISE, O LORD! AND LET NOT ME BE PUT TO SHAME

READ Psalm 9:19 "Arise, O Lord! Let not man prevail: let the nations be judged before You."

The need to summon God as it were to rise up in our defense cannot be ever overemphasized. We owe God a constant and consistent calling all the time and all the while on all things particularly when we are down and our souls are down with desolation. Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior has shown us a way forward when in John 12:27 He notes that His soul is troubled. Contemplating on how best to handle same, He questioned the rational of giving up or calling on God to save Him from the trouble. Knowing that He is in the world for the very purpose, He

chooses to go through the trouble as He allows God to glorify Himself in Him. You and I must always be this ready and willing. God will never force anyone; otherwise we are no free agents made accountable for our choices any more. Be glorified in the Lord always, amen.

PRAY always to be in His perfect and purposive will; never be content with His permissive will.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 26-27; Mark 14:27-53

MARCH 16TH AFTER WHAT REALLY?

READ Acts of the Apostles 18:1 "AFTER THIS [Paul] departed from Athens and went to Corinth."

In Athens at the Areopagus, the apostle Paul presented his apologetics on the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth as the Son of God. He powerfully dispelled the ruinous and satanic view that determined their living and worship of every idol they could fathom the same that led to the worship of the unknown God. In this classical presentation by the apostle is embedded his use of the environment to propagate the heavenly. No doubt, the Athenians did not dedicate their unknown idol to the Living God. But the apostle Paul seeing their confusion and the need for the Gospel cashed in on same and presented Christ Jesus to them. We are all living witnesses of this today. How do you and I propagate His Gospel today? Are we ready to be used by Him in any and every situation to proclaim Him? We should be most ready in His power and knowledge of His Word. Amen.

PRAY you are in the right perspective of the Gospel all the time, anywhere and every time, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 28-29; Mark 14:54-72

MARCH 17TH STAYING TOGETHER AND WORKING TOGETHER

READ Acts of the Apostles 18:3 "And because he was of the same occupation, he stayed with them; and they worked [together], for they were tentmakers by trade."

The need to be together in everything can never be over emphasized; No. Never ever. In this Scriptural piece, we see the affinity and the aura of togetherness manifested in the relationship between the apostle Paul and the duo of Priscilla and Aquila. On the one hand, this married couple can be seen as fellow believers in the Lord. Beside this, they were of the same profession with the apostle Paul-makers of tents. So they naturally flowed together. Although one does not need to share the same profession to be teammates in the evangelization of the Gospel; yet it makes the job a lot easier if this is the case. No doubt, we can conjecture that the apostle Paul felt more at home with the Aquila than other places in the same vicinity. Remember Scripture admonishes us not to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. This is to be taken in its most wide form to cover all and any given area. Do not relate closely together with one who shares nothing positive with you. It is counterproductive in the least. Remain blessed in Him permanently, alleluia.

PRAY you find your mate both spiritually and occupationally as become necessary, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 30-31; Mark 15:1-25

MARCH 18TH ARGUING AND DISCOURSING EVERY TIME

READ Acts of the Apostles 18:4 "But he discoursed and argued in the synagogue every Sabbath and won over [both] Jews and Greeks."

I want to declare to us all that the only reason why we work in life is to sustain our lives and living the same that is put in place absolutely to live the Gospel. Living the Gospel in this regard is not limited to patterning our lives in accordance to the Gospel. More importantly, we are to propagate the Gospel by our all so that not only must we wait for opportunities to preach Christ, but we must create opportunities to witness His marvelous Grace over our lives. This is the sole reason of our being. Any and every other thing is secondary. This much is reflected in today's chosen text as the apostle Paul argues and discourses every day and every time whether before kings or in front of ordinary men. We are to follow suit. Amen.

PRAY you are living Him all the time and all the places of your live, alleluia.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 32-34; Mark 15: 26-67

MARCH 19TH HAVING NO FEAR, SPEAKING AND NOT KEEPING SILENT

READ Acts of the Apostles 18:9 "And one night the Lord said to Paul in a vision. Have no fear, but speak and do not be silent."

By now we all must be aware that fear and its accompanying verb fearing are both denoting negative emotions. Even in normal day life not to talk of the spiritual, to be fearful is not to be stable. The fear of the unknown as it is commonly expressed has killed many would be champions. You need not have your course and calling murdered even before they are brought forth. Rather, keep faith in and with the Lord. Be focused on that for which you are created and brought forth. Care less about the evil consequences of your righteous acts. Whether you act righteous or not, evil will not overlook you. But in the Righteousness of the most High God, you are most protected and perfected. More than this, the will of God is manifested and fulfilled in your being. Have you been threatened or are you being threatened by the enemy and opposing forces of Righteousness? Refuse to give up. Even if you have to be murdered like the Apostle and Prophet John the Baptist, do not remain silent. But keep the flag of His Righteousness afloat. Death will come when the Lord Who governs all whether evil or good will allow it. Even then, death cannot be the end of any. It is only a passage to eternity, whether eternity life or eternity death. You are most blessed in Him amen.

PRAY unrighteous fear away from your life and your all today and always, alleluia.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 1-3; Mark 16

MARCH 20TH WHEN YOUR APOLLOS IS GROSSLY INADEQUATE FOR THE MESSAGE

READ Acts of the Apostles 18:24 "Meanwhile, there was a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, who came to Ephesus. He was a cultured and eloquent man, well versed and mighty in Scripture."

If we check through the credentials of the apostle Apollos, we would see that he paraded an enviable feature requisite to being himself, but certainly not before God Almighty. The Bible says he was cultured and eloquent; well versed in Scripture and mighty in same at the same time. He was also instructed in the way of the Lord. Yet the most vital part of God's Righteousness was still missing in him. He was said to burn with spiritual zeal who also taught diligently and accurately the things concerning Jesus Christ of Nazareth. But alas! The apostle Apollos was only acquainted with the baptism of John. He knew not the Holy Spirit neither had he Him. Thus, all he was doing in the name of Jesus was carnal. Recollect that even the Lord Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, birthed in Him, nurtured in Him, ordained in Him, worked all His course in Him, died in Him and was resurrected in the same power of the Holy Spirit. Little wonder the very apostle Apollos couldn't please God until he was Holy Ghost baptized. Are you anointed in the Holy Spirit? Please do now. You are blessed.

PRAY you are all in all immersed as often as you can in the Holy Spirit after your baptism in Him.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 4-6; Luke 1:1-20

MARCH 21ST DOING GOOD TO ALL ALWAYS AND IN ALL SITUATIONS

READ Luke 6:27 "But I say to you who are listening now to Me: [in order to heed, make it a practice to] love your enemies, treat well (do good to, act nobly toward) those who detest you and pursue you with hatred."

Of recent I read an author who contributed to the devotional *Our Daily Bread,* who quoted that if you conceive an act, you get a habit, and a habit leads to a character, while conceiving of a character automatically leads to a destiny. The point is if we allow the Holy Spirit of the Lord God dwelling in us to conceive of His goodness, it will soon become habitual in us as we live by and in it. From this habit we will develop an appropriate Christly character the same that leads to Christly destiny. I want to subscribe to this much. The Bible passage for today as taken from the *Amplified Bible* notes that in order to heed God's warning and admonition, we should cultivate the habit of practicing to love our enemies. Once we allow the Holy Spirit to thus develop in us His Love, we are done with overcoming the natural tendency of vengeance. Once this developed, growth in His love as He leads us on comes next. May we be this blessed today and always in Jesus Mighty and Holy Name, amen.

PRAY you and I will live always in His precepts by which if a man lives he will be blessed in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 7-9; Luke 1:21-38

MARCH 22ND DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD WANT OTHERS TO DO UNTO YOU

READ Luke 6:31 "And as you would like and desire that men would do to you, do exactly so to them."

Naturally and intellectually, if we take the pain to compare and consider what we would want for ourselves, we would act with restraint. What this means in part is actually taking a second look at all our actions and their implications before embarking on them. Even then, I want to submit that except in the power of His Holy Spirit and this alone, we would not succeed in this. For what do you think of one who makes a deadly choice because he is addicted? Take smoking and drinking for instance. Almost all who are this addicted know the consequences of their choices. Not with the many warnings over the media. Yet they still make this deadly choice. It is not an issue of ignorance as much as being slave to their deadly desires. For you to make a success of your spiritual life and living, I submit most humbly that you allow the Holy Spirit of God to make your choices for you. Indeed, it is His choices as He indwells your body the same that represents in his living the Lord Jesus Christ. I commend you to His leading now and forever more, amen.

PRAY you yield your life to the Holy Spirit truly all your life and not live unto yourself any more

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua10-12; Luke 1:39-56

MARCH 23RD RECOGNIZING AND FOLLOWING OUR FATHERLY STANDARD

READ Luke 6:36 "So be merciful (sympathetic, tender, responsive, and compassionate) even as your Father is [all these]"

I want to give glory to God Almighty these days for the renewal of His Spirit in me and the expanding of His already expansive revelation in my heart in the power of His Holy Spirit. How do I mean? I have often heard it said by believers and true believers in the Lord God that they are doing their uttermost best in various situations. Truly they may be sincere in this confession. But the issue is not doing our best. It is doing it as our Father in heaven would have done it were He to be physically in our position. It is not enough to live holy. It is more important to live holy as our Father in heaven lives Holy. The standard of evaluation is His. We all have various and varying abilities. Thus, one may be in first class; while another in second class upper division. Yet some may fail outright. But this is in the natural. There is no normal human being who is exposed to society who will not master the human language of that society. In the same way, all who are called and enabled in the Holy Spirit power and given to live holy as our Father in heaven is will be so able if well disposed to. Laziness, complacency, and fake values and standards to mention just a few more often than not rob us of this high attainment. Push and move forward towards this high standard of the Father. You're blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you will not fall short of this Heavenly and Fatherly standard and value, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 13-15; Luke 1:57-80

MARCH 24TH PEREDVENTURE YOU'RE LIVING FOR A TIME AS THIS

READ Esther 4:14 "For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance shall arise for the Jews from elsewhere, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows but that you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this and for this very occasion."

Let me share this testimony with you. I have found out long ago that I am the best beneficiary of most of the messages God preaches through me, whether it is through speech or writing. I say it in all humility that I am the first beneficiary. For once, I do not reason out what I write. I do not mean I do not study for them. No. That will be lying against the Holy Spirit. All my preparations for all my teachings are rooted in my continuous and continual studying of Scripture. Yes! By His Grace and grace alone I study the Scripture for most part of my day as I am a full time minister of His. It is a privileged position and calling that I do not ever deserve nor appreciate in full. But I am who I am in His Power and Grace and I thank Him most blessedly for this. Do you know why you are who and what you are today and who and what you will be tomorrow? It is to showcase His Glory and His alone. So do all you are prompted to do to the fullest always. Be an Esther. Beyond that, be a Jesus that you are called to be. Damn the possibility of perishing. You will not perish if He does not approve of it. And if that is my own portion, so be it. You are marvelously blessed in Him, alleluia.

PRAY that after you have ministered righteously to whoever, you are not yourself a cast out.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 16-18; Luke 2:1-24

MARCH 25TH DID YOU KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT-HIS SPIRIT REALLY?

READ Acts of the Apostles 19:2 "And he asked them. Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed [on Jesus as the Christ]? And they said, No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

There is no mistake in the choice of the past form of the verb do in the above topic. At what point in your Holy Spirit journey did you meet the Holy Spirit? I want you to cast your mind back to the first time you truly believed. When exactly did you encounter the Holy Spirit and in what capacity? Now that you are this grown in your spiritual journey, what do you know of the Holy Spirit? How much of Him have you absorbed into your being? Who is He really? Between Him and the second Personality of the Godhead, Who is greater? What position does the Holy Spirit, His Spirit really hold in the Godhead? If it were possible for God to be in disposed, Who takes over from Him-His Son or the Holy Ghost? Who commands the other-Jesus or His Holy Ghost? In the resurrection of the just, when all has been handed over to the Father by the Son that God may be all in all, where would the Holy Spirit be? You are most blessed in Him forever, amen.

PRAY God to open your eyes of understanding that you may never be the same again for life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 19-21; Luke 2:25-52

MARCH 26TH PERSUADING, ARGUING, AND PLEADING ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

READ Acts of the Apostles 19:8 "And he went into the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, persuading and arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God."

Today's text is a challenge to all of us. But first let us understand all it involves by characterizing the operative words. To persuade is to convince by way of reason. Argument involves considering the pros and cons of an issue; indeed any issue really. *Plead* and its attendant form *pleading* involves a persistent urge with the aim of swaying one to one's side. All these are not mutually exclusive as they are all complementary. We do not have a commission from Christ Jesus to force the Gospel on anyone. No. The Gospel must be persuasively relayed to all leaving them to use their God given reason to determine the reasonableness of giving their lives to God their Creator Who knows and determines all things. Of course there is the important aspect of Faith and faithing involved the same that has to do with the working of the Holy Spirit. Argument comes in when we are presenting the advantages of giving one's life to Christ as opposed to any other and considering at the same time the evil effects of not doing this. All said and done, plea comes in when we bring our emotions to bear by urging in an emotional way our target to accept the goodness of God over and above the perceived goodness of all else. All these are involved in Christly Evangelism. When last did you do this?

PRAY you are able to disseminate the Gospel of Peace as commanded by Him Who is the Gospel

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 22-24; Luke 3

MARCH 27TH WHEN THE LORD DOES UNUSUAL AND EXTRAORDINARY MIRACLES THROUGH YOU

READ Acts of the Apostles 19:11 "And God did unusual and extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul."

A miracle you want to be reminded is an unusual happening. It is the intervention of God Almighty in the lives and affairs of men. There is a sense in which we characterize a miracle as a supernatural happening. In this way, the natural laws of gravity and the likes are suspended by the divine for the supernatural to prevail. Ordinarily, nature is what and how the spiritual has ordered the natural. Yet, in as many instances as the Lord of the heavens desire, all laws are suspended and superseded for the extraordinary to happen. In this case, what we are talking about is not just the supernatural, but the unusual and extraordinary in the affairs of mankind through the intervention of the Holy Spirit in the hands of His chosen. If God could do this through flesh and blood as you and me in the past ages, why not through you and me now? To put the matter more succinctly, when last did you allow the Lord of the heavens to use you to accomplish His purpose? Have you ever allowed yourself to work a miracle in the name of the Living God by Himself? This is the focus of today. You and I must release ourselves totally and practically to be used by the Lord Almighty as He deems fit. Then and only then are we blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY let God work His miraculous through you always, alleluia.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 1-3; Luke 4:1-30

MARCH 28TH HOW MUCH OF HIS MIRACULOUS HAVE YOU WITNESSED OF LATE?

READ Acts of the Apostles 19:12 "So that handkerchiefs and towels or aprons which had touched his skin were carried away and put upon the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them."

In further consideration of our discussions of yesterday, the apostle Paul so much yielded himself to God to be used so much that the whole of himself was filled and full of God Himself in His power. Not only were miracles primarily accomplished through him; but God had so much indwelled him that enough of God was in him that third-hand miracles were happening in his ministry. What else will you classify the truth that aprons, towels, handkerchiefs which had touched his skin were taken by another who entirely was not the apostle Paul but who nonetheless believed, to a third party who was not around the miraculous and yet received his or her the miracle of God! You must agree with me that what we are talking about is not just ordinary infilling of the power of God in a person. The kind of spiritual current that will enable a third party receive his or her miracles through a go-between is simply super ordinary. Let us all go for this in Christ as well. You can do it as much as I too can. Be blessed in Him forever, amen.

PRAY you are powerfully infilled with His Person continuously all your living, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 4-6; Luke 4:31-44

MARCH 29TH WHEN YOU WILL BE FAKED BY SATANIC BRETHREN

READ Acts of the Apostles 19:13 "Then some of the traveling Jewish exorcists (men who adjure evil spirits) also undertook to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying I solemnly implore and charge you by the Jesus Whom Paul preaches!"

Still expounding on the theme of His miraculous, you will see that the apostle Paul allowed himself to be so much filled with the Lord that he was totally given to Him. He never set out to work miracles for the Lord. Rather, his goal was the proclamation of the Lord Jesus Christ by all means and at all points of his living. This he did so much and so well that even magicians and those given to Satan believed not in his message but in the miraculous. For not believing in the Source of the miraculous in him, but just wanting the fame and glamour that accompany working the miracles of God in His saints, they had themselves to blame. The point I want you to see today is the truth that you and I must allow the Light of the evangelism of the Lord so much shine in our lives and living that all who adjure evil spirits will throng to our ministries and genuinely give up on their nefarious practices. You are blessed in Him now and forever more, amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are most blessed in the Blessedness of God Almighty, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 7-8; Luke 5:1-16

MARCH 30TH WHY DABBLE INTO THE UNKNOWN

READ Acts of the Apostles 19:14 "Seven sons of a certain Jewish chief priest named Sceva were doing this."

Faith is relying on the Word of the Living God. Presumption is the exact opposite from another angle in that it involves believing in what one considers the word of God or what one believes is the word of God but which is truly not one. The Israelites displayed this wanton recklessness when in Numbers 14:44-45 they went to war on their own against the expressed Word of God and they saw the consequences. In the text of today, the seven sons of Sceva presumptuously attempted to cast out demons in the name of Jesus they knew not nor were they prepared to ever know meaningfully. The consequences were disastrous upon them. In today's church also, a good many believers dabble into issues that do not concern them. Issues such as who spends the tithes? Who collects the tithes? Who to be ordained? And the likes bring upon them avoidable and unmitigated disaster. Let the truth be told: the Church of God is no democracy. It is purely a Theocracy. Let us come into this truth today. Amen.

PRAY you are in sound knowledge of the Almighty as not to have your fingers of Faith burnt

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 9-10; Luke 5:17-39

MARCH 31ST WHEN THE PREACHING OF THE WORD ATTRACTS LOST SOULS AS EXPECTED

READ Acts of the Apostles 19:19 "And many of those who had practiced curious, magical arts collected their books and [throwing them, book after book, on the pile] buried them in the sight of everybody. When they counted the value of them, they found it amounted to 50,000 pieces of silver (about $9,300)."

It is not always that the preaching of the Gospel of Christ attracts the appropriate responses as expected. The Scripture is full of situations where the lives of miracle workers of Christ had not only been threatened but actually taken. Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior lost His life for doing good and going about setting people free of the devil. So when there are instances as we have in today's text when people so much believed as to willingly throw overboard their previous unsavory lives and living, it is to be celebrated. Even in heaven, the angels of God who stand in His Presence celebrate the life of a single soul that is won over to Christ more than they rejoice over 99 souls that need no more repentance. So when last did you celebrate the conversion of a soul either through you or whoever? Learn to and be doing this henceforth. You are mightily blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you are always led into joyful celebrations of the Lord, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 11-12; Luke 6:1-26

APRIL 1ST PROVING YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO HIM THROUGH THEM

READ Hebrews 3:2 "[See how] faithful He was to Him Who appointed Him [Apostle and High Priest], as Moses was also faithful in the whole house [of God]."

Faithfulness is total loyalty to the one who appoints one. It is the same thing as absolute obedience. One who is faithful will also be truthful. Faithfulness does not exclude mistakes and genuine ones really. It does not preclude falling short of the expectation of the superior. Faithfulness particularly in the spiritual is being consistently obedient and loyal to one's superior. In the Body of Christ, Jesus is the ultimate Supreme to Whom all are accountable. But since Jesus Himself has ordained and appointed ministers over us to whom He speaks and instructs us, we remain in His Faithfulness, nay loyalty as long as we are true to them. Where we pursue and execute our own agenda, we are no longer faithful. One does not have to overtly betray his master like Judas Iscariot to be unfaithful. Mere soul rebellion in the heart is enough act of betrayal. This was what Lucifer the first cherub to be clothed in precious stones did as seen in Isaiah 14:12-14 and Ezekiel 28:13ff. So how faithful are you and I in His Way? Remain faithfully obedient in Him, amen.

PRAY His faithfulness is implanted in you all your days here on earth, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 13-15; Luke 6:27-49

APRIL 2ND GREATER HONOR IN JESUS THAN IN ALL ELSE

READ Hebrews 3:3 "Yet Jesus has been considered worthy of much greater honor and glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honor than the house [itself]."

Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord is worthy of the greatest honor God can bequeath on any for some of these reasons which are not final. He alone demonstrated greater honor than any in His show of love by dying for His enemies to make them become His friends. He alone was obedient totally unto death and even the death on the cross. He alone did all the Father had commissioned Him to do in a way no other person can. He alone loves us so much as to prepare a place for us where He Himself dwells eternally. He alone will come back into this sinful world to usher us home with Himself. He alone shows this much love as not to trust any else to lead us home. He alone loves the Father so much as to win the entire universe for and hand over all to Him so that the Father may be all in all. He alone is this faithful and faithfully seeing us through. No doubt He alone is more glorious than all put together for He created all for His pleasure and sustains them by and in His might. Alleluia.

PRAY you recognize and acknowledge the Greatest of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 16-18; Luke 7:1-30

APRIL 3RD WHY BELIEVERS WILL ALWAYS ERR AND ARE LED ASTRAY

READ Hebrews 3:10 "And so I was provoked (displeased and sorely grieved) with that generation, and said, They always err and are led astray in their hearts, and they have not perceived or recognized My ways and become progressively better and more experimentally and intimately acquainted with them"

Lack of the willingness to faithfully serve the Lord of the heavens will always lead believers astray among others. To err you want to be reminded is to miss the mark; it is to go outside the chosen path. When believers rush into the Faith and assume they know all; when believers will not submit to sound doctrines only to embrace satanic doctrines and practices; when believers refuse to humble themselves to learn at the feet of the Lord by listening to the sound teachings of their God ordained leaders; when believers will turn deaf ears to the Words of God outright; no doubt, they will always err and are constantly led astray in their hearts. Save us from this debilitating death O Lord of the heavens, amen.

PRAY you are into perfect knowledge and wisdom of the Most High God, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 19-21; Luke 7:31-50

APRIL 4TH TODAY HEARKEN AND BE NOT DECEIVED BY THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN

READ Hebrews 3:13 "But instead warn (admonish, urge, and encourage) one another every day, as long as it is called Today, that none of you may be hardened [into settled rebellion] by the deceitfulness of sin [by the fraudulence, the stratagem, the trickery which the delusive glamour of his sin may play on him]."

Today simply means what it means which is this very cycle of 24 hours. Put another way, it means among others, the immediate present as opposed to any other time either in the past or in the future no matter how close. What we are saying in effect which is what the writer of this text is moved to pen down is that we should consider every opportunity of living as sacred and gracious. As a result, we should maximize same as we draw closer to God every moment. There is no limit to how much of God is given us to know and appreciate. Holiness, grace, and knowledge in the Lord are all gradient and hierarchical. This means we should never be complacent or self satisfied of our present position in the Lord no matter how promising same is. Instead we should like the patriarchs of old forget whatever God has achieved through and in us yesterday as we submit ourselves as to what He would do through and in us today. In this way, it will be near impossible to veer off the road of His Righteousness and continually and habitually err in the heart. You are most blessed in Him perpetual. Amen.

PRAY you are kept alive in Him most strongly in His powerful Holy Spirit.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ruth 1-4; Luke 8:1-25

APRIL 5TH WHEN THERE WOULD BE A WOMAN IN NEED OF SALVATION

READ Mark 5:25 "And there was a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years."

One good distinguishing mark of Christianity is good doing even when people least realize they need it or request same. Jesus Christ was and still is the Perfect Living example of this. Luke 10:32 talks of how God has anointed Jesus Christ of Nazareth with Holy Spirit and power and Who went about in that power doing good. In like manner there is always the opportunity for good doing for every one of us everywhere and every day. Whether or not we cash in on this is another matter entirely. It is our responsibility to be always responsive to the Holy Spirit as He leads and guides us daily and indeed every minute. Indeed, we are not supposed to do anything outside of His leading. After all as many as are always led in His Spirit are sons of His. So we do not need to wait until we are invited or summon to dispense the good doing for which we are all called into the Faith. The apostle James the half brother of the Lord has noted that to know to do good and to relent in doing this is sin. Run away from such today and seek that woman whose issue of blood you have been empowered to heal. Remain blessed in Him alleluia.

PRAY you are most blessed in good doing in His Name and to His Glory alone, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 1-3; Luke 8:26-56

APRIL 6TH RECOGNIZING THE PASSAGE OF POWER THROUGH AND IN YOU

READ Mark 5:30 "And Jesus, recognizing in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around immediately in the crowd and asked, Who touched Me?"

Often, and until recently, I have taken the stand of the apostles who wondered why the Savior was asking who touched Him in the throng. To me then, it was like asking who splashed water on one when playing inside the swimming pool or in the river or sea. But have you ever wondered what would have happened had the Savior failed to recognize the passage of power from Him unto her? Would this have shown the Savior to be all knowing as He is? Would the woman herself have been perfected with this initial but temporary healing? More than this, how would you and I have read about it? For nobody except she knew of her immediate healing. Finally, where would the need for gratefulness be accommodated? No doubt, you and I owe it a responsibility to be accountable for the enablement and utilization of His Spirit in us. Otherwise we would be worse off than one who is not at all enabled. Remain blessed permanently in Him. Amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in your being grateful for all good received in His Name

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 4-6; Luke 9:1-17

APRIL 7TH WHEN YOUR FAITH WILL HEAL YOU

READ Mark 5:34 "And He said to her, Daughter, your faith (your trust and confidence in Me, springing from faith in God) has restored you to health. Go in (into) peace and be continually healed and freed from your [distressing bodily] disease."

Conservatively, I have found more women receiving more commendation in Scripture than men. I hope I am wrong because I have not actually done a survey on this. In the text under question, despite the truth that almost all the apostles wondered and almost queried the rational of the Savior asking who touched Him after perceiving power had gone out of Him, the young woman was not ashamed of her situation. She was rather overwhelmed in joy as she came forward in Faith to witness to the divine intervention in her life. Did I say faith? Yes! You will notice her internal conviction in verse 28 that if she could only touch the hem of the Savior's dress alone, and not the Savior actually laying hands on her, she would be healed. Compare this to the irrational excuses of Naaman in his encounter with the prophet Elisha in 2 Kings 5 and you will agree loosely with my postulation earlier that women are more disposed to believing in the Faith prompting their unusual commendation by the Savior. Coming out and openly confessing her twelve years of satanic torture, she was only able to have her healing perfected as He told her, her Faith and nothing else had won her perfect healing. I hope I can do likewise all days of my life! Amen.

PRAY you are this perfected in His Faith

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 7-9; Luke 9:18-36

APRIL 8TH TRUSTING TRULY IN THE MERCY AND LOVING-KINDNESS OF THE LORD ALWAYS

READ Psalm 13:5 "But I have trusted, leaned on, and been confident in Your mercy and loving-kindness; my heart shall rejoice and be in high spirits in Your salvation."

I am joyous in the salvation of the Lord which the Lord in His Grace did call me into when He gave me unto my parents to birth me sixtyone years ago. I know God can do all things. I also know that quite a lot of things God can do He will never do for reasons best known to Him alone. For instance the continued existence of Satan as an anointed cherub is nothing good to me. God can kill him today or from the time he sinned in the heavenly. Yet, He has kept him free in a way until now. The point is my natural disposition is to free thinking. God, knowing me from before my conception has chosen to call me via my parents. Ever since that time, He had continually not to say continuously strengthened my Faith in Him and Him alone. In my short and brief sojourn here on earth, I have faced daunting challenges as I prefer to call them and I am still facing some and will face more challenges in life. Yet God has always made these occasions for greater revelation of Himself in my life. I identify totally with the Psalter of today. I urge you also to allow God in His Grace to be your all. Amen.

PRAY you stubbornly faith in the Savior to the end.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 10-12; Luke 9:37-62

APRIL 9TH SINGING HIS PRAISES DAILY AND CONTINUOUSLY

READ Psalm 13:6 "I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me."

As a follow-up to our discussions of yesterday, there is the need to always sing the Lord's praises all days of our lives and regardless to whatever we are going through. Why you want to ask? It is because the Lord is good and His Mercies endure forever and ever. Consider the truth of your creation in the image of the Lord God Himself. Not even His holy angels are this blessed. This is a great show of His love towards us. This is not to talk of His sustenance of our being and all that is ours. He placed all things created in the earth under our dominion. He forgives all our transgressions in Christ Jesus. He ensures that despite our sin nature, we do not end up in eternal damnation as He bequeaths His Holy Spirit on us all to guide and lead us into His Righteousness while sustaining us in His blessedness at the same time. No doubt the Lord is good to all His creations; even to the satanic and the demons, He is showing no less mercy and compassion. Why don't you join me to sing Alleluia, for Jehovah Jireh has done me and us well! Remain in His blessings forever more, amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are mightily blessed in the singing of His Praises every day of your life, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 13-14; Luke 10: 1-24

APRIL 10TH WHY THE FOOL IS FOOLISH

READ Psalm 14:1 "THE [EMPTY HEADED] fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable deeds; there is none that does good or right."

Glory is God in the highest heavens both now and forever more, alleluia, amen. As to the answer to the question raised by the topic of this piece, verse 1 of the Psalm contains enough answer if not all the answers. As a matter of truth, the very three words of this version of the Scripture are instructive enough. It says the empty headed fool. Thus he is a fool because he lacks adequate brain. He is a fool because although he is clothed in human skin and nature, he is deficient in the most important feature of mankind-brain. He is a fool because although he possesses a head in the physical sense, yet he is hollow inside. As a result all he could utter is the abomination that there is no God. And do not be so surprised. One who is empty headed will never know that for anything to come into being whether scientific or otherwise there must be one who first conceives of same. There is nothing invented without an inventor who conceives of same and proceeds to manufacture same. So who made the fool? When did it start to occur to him there is no God? What precedent has he to conclude or postulate a Godless universe? No doubt he is an empty headed fool in all ramifications. Little wonder then they are corrupt for the worst of corruption is to deny the self which is what the fool does when he denies the existence of the Living God for whom creation testifies to His existence. Are you a fool? How foolish are you? Come out of same today and recognize that you are a created being. Being a creature, there definitely must be a Creator Who in this case is the Living God. Alleluia.

PRAY you will jettison your empty headedness today and forever, amen in Jesus Name

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 15-16; Luke 10:25-42

APRIL 11TH ARE YOU LACKING IN UNDERSTANDING? COME TO GOD TODAY

READ Psalm 14:2 "The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there were any who understood, dealt wisely, and sought after God, inquiring for and of Him and requiring Him [of vital necessity]."

There is no understanding of creation and by implication the Creator outside of His knowledge. Look at it this way. Whenever an appliance is purchased no matter how little, there is always a manual for its use. No one will be able to make meaning of any appliance no matter how minute without a clear understanding of its workings. This is also true of our planet and indeed all planetary systems. When you deny the Creator, you are not only foolish and insane but over and above this, you are perhaps the worst of all fools who in this case are the empty headed beings. This is so because you can and are denying your own existence too. This is most uncalled for. Little surprise that when the Lord looked down from heaven, He could only see fools who are most empty headed and were incapable of any good deeds. Thank God you need not continue in your foolishness. I need not remain foolish as Jesus Christ the Lord and Savior has paid for my foolishness and bestowed on me His wisdom. All I have to do is to accept His offer of Grace and just like that, my foolishness is gone. Alleluia.

PRAY you will be foolish no more and even in Christ Jesus.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 17-18; Luke 11:1-28

APRIL 12TH THERE IS GOD ALMIGHTY-REMEMBER THIS ALWAYS PLEASE

READ Psalm 14:6 "You [evildoers] would put to shame and confound the plans of the poor and patient, but the Lord is his safe refuge."

It is always good for all to remember that the Lord Who created you also created all other species be they human or otherwise. He did not create them in vain or for us who are given dominion to trample upon their own rights. Yes, every creature has its own rights assured by the Creator Himself. That is why no creation of His lacks all that is required of it or him to exist. Whether or not you trample upon their rights as some do when they cruelly treat animals or even kill them without reason, God is their Protector and will bring all to judgment at the appropriate time. If God takes exception to violating animals and plants rights as contained in Scripture, how much more do you think He would punish the violation of the rights of the poor whether in our homes, churches, schools or cities? Let us all remember always, there is the God Almighty Who alone makes and sustains all and Who will hold all accountable for all acts of commission and omission. You are blessed in Him mightily, amen.

PRAY you are this wise and live wisely in His Words.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 19-21; Luke 11:29-54

APRIL 13TH DWELLING TEMPORARILY IN HIS TABERNACLE AND PERMANENTLY IN HIS HOLY HILLS

READ Psalm 15:1 "LORD, WHO shall dwell [temporarily] in Your tabernacle? Who shall dwell [permanently] on Your holy hill?"

Believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior here on earth and abiding in Him on a daily basis as one struggles to live Him is tantamount to dwelling temporarily in His tabernacle. For one our bodies are His temporary tabernacle as long as we abide in Him here on earth. He indwells our bodies of death although death has no effect absolutely on Him. At the fullness of our time here on earth if we successfully finish our courses which He alone designs and sustains from the foundation of the world, then we will qualify to dwelling permanently on His holy hills the same which is the New City which is presently in heavens in Him God the Father. The remaining verses of this Psalm clearly lists what constitutes abiding in Him in this temporary tabernacle of His in us which is a prerequisite for the permanent abiding in and with Him in His New City. Are you made read? Do allow Him to prepare you today and not tomorrow. You are blessed in Him, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you know Him truly and abide faithfully in Him here on earth, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 22-24; Luke 12:1-31

APRIL 14TH HE WHO DOES THESE THINGS SHALL NEVER BE MOVED

READ Psalm 15:5 "[He who] does not put his money for interest [to one of his own people] and who will not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved."

In addition to all the listing of prerequisites to abiding temporarily in His tabernacle here on earth, the Psalter in today's reading of the Holy Scripture concludes and most practically and most relevantly that not taking advantage of the poor and needy by appearing to assist through granting them loans but actually fleecing them in usury the same which is hard interest rates that could hardly be met resulting in the ultimate loss of their security or collateral is perhaps the most important aspect of meeting these conditions. In other words, being a Good Samaritan who will always seek the good of his neighbors not minding the inconveniences and not just formal worship is crucial in her service to God. We come to the practical reality of our worship and devotion to God Almighty- making life good and better in His Righteousness to our fellow pilgrims here on earth and in His Power. The Lord blesses you most abundantly, amen.

PRAY you will not just be involved in form worship as opposed to His true worship-service.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 25-26; Luke 12:32-59

APRIL 15TH WHEN YOUR DEMETRIUS BRINGS NO SMALL GAIN TO YOUR ADVERSARY

READ Acts of the Apostles 19:24 "For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of [the goddess] Artemis [Diana], brought no small income to his craftsmen."

You will remember the apostle Paul in his epistle to Timothy warns that the love of money is the root of all evil. It is never as true any time than now. The love of money pervades all sinning and sinfulness. From the rich to the poor; from the government to those governed; even in the churches of God, almost all moves are propelled by fleecing the masses directly and indirectly. Thus, whatever will not ultimately yield to making money and usually unrighteously is not pursued. At the same time, if selling God Almighty will lead to money making if this were to be possible, the sons of men will perfect this act. How long shall we refuse to learn from the simplicity of Scripture! If we have raiment and are able to feed twice a day, this should satisfy us all. But this is not our pursuit. We run around accumulating wealth that is most transient and not busying ourselves with and in things heavenly and unseen; for all things visible are temporal, but things unseen and heavenly in their deathlessness are permanent and rewarding. How much of this Biblical truth are you given to know? Remain blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY you will be heavenly focused in your commitment to serving Him here on earth

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 27-29; Luke 13:1-22

APRIL 16TH WHEN ALL THE PROVINCE AND THE WHOLE WORLD WORSHIPS VAIN GOD

READ Acts of the Apostles 19:27 "Now there is danger not merely that this trade of ours may be discredited, but also that the temple of the goddess Artemis may come into disrepute and count for nothing, and that her glorious magnificence may be degraded and fall into contempt-she whom all [the province of Asia] and the wide world worship."

I am really dumbfounded at the vain claim made by this believer in the vain god Artemis of the Ephesians. That a whole people in the Asian Province of old could all believed and worshipped this man- made god is stupefying. But only God knows how many people of the world today still knowingly worship these vain gods not to talk of the millions who are deceitfully led to worship any and all things apart from the Living God even in the churches of the Living God. So then what is the thrust of today's message? It is that you should ensure that you are worshipping only the Living God. How? By reading and studying the Scripture and listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. It is not accepting what any pastor says just like that. But like the Berean saints compare and see if what is taught is in line with Scripture. Secondly, you then preach the true Word of God to all who will come your way. Only then will you showcase the power and glory of God Almighty in your life. Remain blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY you are most noble and courageous in your studying of the Living Word daily.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 30-31; Luke 13:23-35

APRIL 17TH HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW HEAVEN, THE NEW EARTH, AND THE NEW JERUSALEM?

READ Revelation 21:3 "THEN I saw a new sky (heaven) and a new earth, for the former sky and the former earth passed away (vanished), and there no longer existed any sea."

What this passage and the question preceding same portend today for you and I is the formidable question of how much of the present glory of the Living God do you know not to talk of the unfathomable coming of His real Glory in no distant time? If for whatever reason you know nothing or little of the passing away glory how will you comprehend that which in its permanence is eternal? If you make nothing of the present glorious revelation of the Lord God the same that is requisite on the manifestation, revelation, and acceptation of the yet to be revealed, where would you be in the day of the Lord? What excuse would you give to the Creator God for not studying and understanding all that is revealed now in Scripture? Tell me in honest truth, what would you acceptably excuse yourself with? In my own tribe Yoruba, we have an adage that the rabbit or rodent is digging a hole in the family house yet, it is complaining that daily cores are hindering its work. Who really authorizes its digging? The truth if you must take it is that the only reason why you are created by Him is for you to show forth His glory and grace upon your life. Your family responsibilities and your living are only secondary to this. It is in this regards that Christ Himself admonishes us to seek first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness. Thereafter every and all things are added honorably to it. You may want to read and comprehend Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. You have been warned and there may be no more warnings for you and me. Remember His coming is imminent not just immanent.

PRAY you are made ready for His glorious second coming by mastering all of His first coming

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 1-2; Luke 14:1-24

APRIL 18TH WHAT WAS THE LAST REVELATION YOU HAD OF THE LORD?

READ Revelation 21:2 "And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, all arrayed like a bride beautified and adorned for her husband."

Hear what the apostle John testifies to here in this scriptural piece- that he sees the New Jerusalem, descending from its ascent out from heaven from God the Father Himself. In like manner, the prophet Isaiah apart from his testimony in chapter 6 of his book talks of the new heavens and the new earth in the concluding part of his book [chapters 65 and 66]. The prophet and priest Ezekiel uses the last eight chapters of his book to talk of the newness of God's creation as he talks of the New Earth, the New Heaven and the New Jerusalem. In his opening chapter, the prophet and priest Ezekiel intimates us with the apocalyptic nature of his prophecy when he declares that while at the river of Chebar he saw heavens opened and saw the visions of God as opposed to the vision of Satan. The apostle Peter in his second epistle general also talks of the New Heaven and New Earth. What do you know of all these? Apart from reading and studying Scripture, have you seen the vision of God as you see the heavens opened? Have you ever allowed the powerful hands of God to take you up into the heavenly and have heavenly revelation? When for once would you stop confining yourself to only earthly and mundane

things? Now is the time. There is no other time than now. Take advantage of this solemn summon and be blessed. Amen.

PRAY you are constantly in heaven before being in heaven finally.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 3-5; Luke 14:25-35

APRIL 19TH DO YOU KNOW THE VOICE OF GOD? HAVE YOU EVER HEARD IT BEFORE?

READ Revelation 21:3 "Then I heard a mighty voice from the throne and I perceived its distinct words, saying, See! The abode of God is with men, and He will live (encamp, tent) among them; and they shall be His people, and God shall personally be with them and be their God."

How I wish all faithful are most familiar with the voice of God Almighty! It is here described as always put down in Scripture. In chapters 1 and 2 of Revelation the apostle John describes it as the voice of many waters; as the mighty sound of pipe organs; and the prophet and priest Ezekiel says this of the voice of the Almighty in close affinity with the sound of the Living creatures: "*I heard the sound of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, the sound of tumult like the noise of a host"-Ezekiel 1:24.* I would not deceive you. I have heard this voice severally and practically too particularly in worship services. It is like the thundering of the greatest magnitude. This is not to talk of the several instances in dreams when it comes plainly and mightily. Surely the Psalter is true: "*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon many (great) waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; yes, the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon."-Psalm 29:3-5.* Do your uttermost to get acquainted at least with the voice of the Lord; not just in revelation, but also in reality. You are blessed, amen.

PRAY you know Him to the best of His Grace in this age before your translation, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 6-8; Luke 15:1-10

APRIL 20TH IT IS DONE SAYS THE ALPHA AND OMEGA

READ Revelations 21:6 "And He [further] said to me, It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I [Myself] will give water without price from the fountain (springs) of the water of Life."

Early this morning I bring to you the greatest assurance you can ever have from the Greatest Personality in the universe Who is also the Creator of all-Jesus in His Father's Grace. And what is the message? It is that all things pertaining to you and your wellbeing has been perfected and assured even before you were conceived in your mother's womb. Indeed, they have been done accurately and purposively according to His will even before the creation of the universe. As a result rest assured in Him that all is well. All you need to do is to walk your way down His course mapped out for you in the Faith. Every other challenges of your life are necessary ingredients of

your being and fulfillment. You will not be wasted nor destroyed by the greatest destroyer of mankind who is Satan for God in Christ has finished all that is yours and perfectly too. Only be still and see His glorious revelation in you. Amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are rested in His Glorious Assurance of the universe.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 9-11; Luke 15:11-32

APRIL 21ST WHAT YOU INHERIT WHEN VICTORIOUS

READ Revelations 21:7 "He who is victorious shall inherit all these things, and I will be God to him and he shall be My son."

The promises of God are not only certain and assured but are eternal as He Who has made them. Therefore need we not doubt or be worried about their fulfillment. For of a truth, all the Lord God conceives, not to talk of voicing them out are already fulfilled. He Himself is Fulfillment and nothing uttered by Him shall ever lack fulfillment in Jesus Mighty name. In this one piece too many you and I are once again assured that we would inherit all that belongs to the Father as Jesus is the Heir of the Father and we all jointly and severally heirs with the Son. As a result of our being His sons truly and not bastards, we need not worry as to the surety of His promises. Let this be to your satisfaction as we draw near to death daily and face the challenges of life that are part and parcel of our courses here on earth. Be always magnified in Him amen.

PRAY you are most blessedly rested in this ASSURANCE of His and permanently too.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 12-13; Luke 16

APRIL 22ND UNRAVELLING THE APOCLYPSES

READ Ephesians 1:9 "Making known to us the mystery (secret) of His will (of His plan, of His purpose). [And it is this:] In accordance with His good pleasure (His merciful intention) which He had previously purposed and set forth in Him."

By apocalypse is meant the mystery of the Lord God that is unrevealed as at the time. This was the situation until the Gospel News was given to man in Christ Jesus. There are a lot of these mysteries the focus of which is presently not our concern. The point really today is that all that needs be revealed to mankind has been so revealed in the Gospel News Jesus Christ being the Arrowhead of same. As a result, nothing is kept hidden from the saints again as we have a purview even into the future ages that lead into the ageless time. How wonderful is our Lord of lords and God of gods! It can never be better than this for us all. So why stay away from the Truth when you have the Grace to embrace same and unquantifiably too! You are most blessed in Him forever, amen.

PRAY I am led into the unraveling of all His Inscriptured mysteries now and forever more, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 14-15; Luke 17:1-19

APRIL 23RD KNOWING THE TRUTH OF YOUR BEING IN JESUS CHRIST

READ Ephesians 1:11 "In Him we also were made [God's] heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His [on] will."

It is necessary at this junction to recall some of our worth in Christ Jesus. For a start, let me assure you that you are worth the price of the Precious blood of the Lamb. In ordinary language, you are worth the price of the priceless Christ. He you will recall stands surety for you and me. We are saved by His precious blood. We are not only equal to and with Him in this Grace but we are more than this Him also. Every truly saved saint is a Jesus. Just as Jesus in so many respects is God are we also in so many respects Jesus Himself. This is the more reason the Bible notes that he who touches us touches the apple of God's eyes. So why be troubled about your worth in Him? Remember that Psalm that notes that precious are the death of the Righteous in God's eyes. This is noted in Psalm 116. It is the same Preciousness in His blood that we share. You are worth Jesus. Indeed, you are a Jesus only to the glory and power of God in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.

PRAY you will not be ignorant of your worth in Christ Jesus. No. Never.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 16-18; Luke 17:20-37

APRIL 24TH DESTINED TO LIVE FOR THE PRAISE OF CHRIST'S GLORY

READ Ephesians 1:12 "So that we who first hoped in Christ [who first put our confidence in Him have been destined and appointed to] live for the praise of His Glory."

Before we can live for the praise of Christ's Glory, we must identify what the glory of Christ is. Having done this we will be able to effortlessly praise Him as we daily live to glorify Him. Perhaps there is no better way of identifying Christ's Glory than identifying how He glorified His Father by His Living here on earth. The Bible tells us in John 17 for instance that Jesus proclaimed before His Father in His now commonly referred to as High Priestly prayer that His Father should glorify Him Jesus having done the wish of His Father Who sent Him to the world. The wish of His Father was for Him not only to die but to die on the Roman Cross at Calvary the same which He accompanied on that first Good Friday despite the enormous and almost unprecedented challenge to the contrary. Thus, in obeying His Father's wish to the end, He brought His Father glory. For any to put hope in Christ is to live in full obedience to Christ's injunction of loving and doing His Father's will according to the course appointed to each of us. If I am destined in His Grace to die through gunshot and I waver on this, I have refused to live to His Glory. It is not for me to dictate how I want to live. Rather I must find out what has been destined to me by the Father through the Son and so live. Glory is to the Lord for ever more, alleluia.

PRAY you will only live to the Gory of the Father all days of your life, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 19-20; Luke 18:1-23

APRIL 25TH WHY THE SORROWS OF THOSE WHO CHOOSE OTHER GODS WILL BE MULTIPLIED

READ Psalm 16:4 "Their sorrows shall be multiplied who choose another god; their drink offerings of blood will I not offer or take their names upon my lips."

Ordinarily, man is not to choose his or her own god. Rather, man should naturally recognize his Maker and so worship Him. When He is thus recognized and worshipped, every offering whether drink or otherwise offered to Him according to His Word is acceptable before Him and appropriate blessings bestowed on the offerer. When it is otherwise meaning when sacrifices are made to manmade gods, there is no way the Living God will accept such as it is an insult upon His Person and direct invitation to doom. For this reason, all should only offer their sacrifices in praise, worship, and service to the Living God through Jesus Christ His only begotten Son. This way, one's name is ever present on the lips of Their Excellencies as there is no other way to being permanently recognized by them. So do and be most blessed in Their Richness, amen.

PRAY you would not offer any sacrifice to any other God apart from Jehovah.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 21-22; Luke 18:24-43

APRIL 26TH WHY GOD WILL KEEP AND PROTECT ME

READ Psalm 16:1 "KEEP AND protect me, O God, for in You I have found refuge, and in You do I put my trust and hide myself."

When we walk with the Lord, in the Light of His Words, what a glory He shows on our ways; when we do His good will, He abides with us still. These are the opening words of that song: *When we walk with the Lord.* The relevance of bringing in these wordings is to be seen in the truth that once we repose confidence in the Lord as we put our trust in and on Him, we are most protected in Him. I have always maintained that one is as strong and is therefore protected as one's resolve in the Word. If for instance I am half heartedly faithful to Him, I cannot expect Him to reward my half hearted faithfulness otherwise. Whatsoever I sow I will reap. And where I refuse to sow I am sure I have no reward. Accordingly, the text for today is most promising-that because I have reposed confidence in the Word of God by faithing in Christ Jesus, I have found refuge in Him as I am protected, not just against all evils but also in all God ordained challenges. It cannot be otherwise. So join me to repose confidence absolutely in the Lord God of the heavens, amen.

PRAY you and I will totally repose confidence in the Almighty Lord of the heavens, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 23-24; Luke 19:1-27

APRIL 27TH WHY I SHALL NOT BE MOVED IN ANY AND ALL SITUATION

READ Psalm 16:8 "I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved."

How does one set the Lord continually before one? As somehow not too simple as this question is, its answer is most straight forward. To set the Lord continually before one is to always put Him first in all acts, thoughts and deeds after coming into the Faith. It is fellowshipping with and in Him daily, regularly and above this communing in and with Him always and never ever reneging in doing this. If and if only if I set the Lord continually before me, then His Word is my mirror into which I look always. He then in His Word and through same is my Guide, my Lead, and my Motivator in all things. There is nothing I would contemplate or venture without His prompting, approval, and direction. Anything outside of this is not setting Him continually before me. It is me going my own way and worshipping myself whether wittingly or otherwise. So why don't you join me today as we renew our pledge and trust in the Almighty God of gods and Lord of all! You are most blessed as do this.

PRAY you are never ever moved away from His presence for once all your life, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 1-2; Luke 19:28-48

APRIL 28TH SHOWING ME THE PATH OF LIFE

READ Psalm 16:11 "You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore."

It is as if I have never ever read this Psalm before now particularly verse 11 in its opening which declares unequivocally that God will show me the path of Life. Not only me but all those who like me will repose total confidence in Him. But how is God able to show one the path of Life? The only reason why He is able so to do is because He Himself is Life. Not only is He Life He is also the Light of the universe. In and with Him there is no darkness. Thus, if I am in Him, I am in the Way. Remember He is also the Way to Life as well. Thus, in and with Him I cannot miss my path. By the way, my path finds fulfillment in His Path as He is the Life into which all others find fulfillment. If for whatever reason any goes out of Him, he is lost for as long as he is out for he will not only miss out but is also in utter darkness. In addition to showing the path of Life earmarked for me, He will illuminate my path so that darkness will not for once taunt me. Over and above all this, He is willing to bestow on me His Pleasures that are on His right hand now and forever more. So what else do I need! Glory is God in the Highest heavens, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY to come into His Pleasures now and forever more, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 3-5; Luke 20:1-26

APRIL 29TH WHEN THE LORD WILL VISIT YOU, WHAT WILL HE DISCOVER?

READ Psalm 17:3 "You have proved my heart; You have visited me in the night; You have tried me and find nothing [no evil purpose in me]; I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress."

Regularly and apart from the truth of God seeing us in our closet, He also visits just as He did with the patriarchs of old. You will remember that in Genesis 18 He came in the company of other heavenly beings in the heat of the day to visit Abram. His visit is to prove you and I whether what He notices about us in the heavenly is proven true in life. Abram passed this test as he received the divine visitors abundantly in his provisions. It was on this visit that God's Promise for him was actualized. Similarly, God visited Sodom and Gomorrah to see for Himself if the evil reports were true. They could not be proven any better as the sons of Belial there attempted to abuse His Lordship. The Adams were the first recorded humans to play hosts to the Lord God Who always visited them at the cool of the day. The Lord still visits today in various manifestations. If He is to visit me today, what will He discover-anything different from His expectations of you as a child of God? This is where the text of today is relevant. Let the Lord find you righteous each time He comes visiting. You are most blessed in His Righteousness. Amen.

PRAY you are found ready always in His Glory.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 6-7; Luke 20:27-47

APRIL 30TH WHY THE LORD WILL EVER INCLINE HIS EARS TO YOU AND HEAR YOU

READ Psalm 17:6 "I have called upon You, O God, for You will hear me; incline Your ear to me and hear my speech."

A child who does his father's wish will almost get away with all his requests. Even the Lord Jesus in one of His parables notes the pleasurable disposition of a father towards his son who initially refused to hearken to his father's voice but who later did the father's bidding. In the same manner, God the Almighty will be too disposed to incline His voice to our cry if and only if we obey His commandments as contained in the Scripture; if and only if we comport ourselves in strict accordance to His Laws; if and only if we live our lives in conformity to His precepts. If we fail in doing all these, then we multiply sins and sinning and we cannot be in sin and sinning and expect His Grace upon our lives to continue unabated. So we would do well to live in line with the decrees of God Almighty and allow Him to glory in our lives. Then and only then will He incline His ears to our supplications. Be most blessed in Him, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are living strictly in line with the Laws of the Almighty Father of all creations.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 8-9; Luke 21:1-19

MAY 1ST KNOWING GOD'S MARVELOUS LOVING-KINDNESS

READ Psalm 17:7 "Show Your marvelous loving-kindness, O You Who save by Your right hand those who trust and take refuge in You from those who rise up against them."

To be marvelous in a way is to be wonderful. It is to do the unexpected and the undeserved. Our God specializes in doing just this. He is unchanging as He grows not and for that He also ages not. He is the only Constance in all situations. We can thus divinely predict Him and His actions. For those who have chosen to repose confidence in Him therefore, there is no fear of the unknown. What is unknown to you and I is most known to the Almighty. You will recall that while God disturbed the night sleep of the emperor as Haman was busy plotting the would-be-death of Mordecai, the latter was fast asleep totally oblivious of the scheming of his enemy. Marvelously and without him raising a cry of prayer, Mordecai was saved by the Almighty and also glorified because he had made the Almighty his trust. You and I can be equally protected; provided for; and led successfully through our journey here on earth if we will trust God enough. Doing just this is the thrust of this text today. Remain blessed in Him perpetual. Amen.

PRAY you are always in the trust and hope of the Almighty all days of your living.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 10-11; Luke 21:20-38

MAY 2ND ARISE O LORD AND DELIVER MY LIFE FROM THE WICKED

READ Psalm 17:13 "Arise, O Lord! Confront and forestall them, cast them down! Deliver my life from the wicked by Your sword,"

We who have pitched out tents with the Almighty are the most blessed in this world of sin and sinning. We are of all species most favored by the Almighty. As a result, we can rest assured in His assurance, capability, word, and covenant as to go to sleep with both eyes closed even in the daytime. Why? This is because He Who watches over us does not sleep nor slumber. He is all possibilities and all powers. Nothing and I mean absolutely nothing is impossible for and with Him. He has spoken once and it is fulfilled as uttered. All creation obeys Him and can do no other way. Because of this, any who attacks us attacks the Almighty and in that case, he or she is fighting against the whole power of the Godhead. As you know there is no way such a person can ever be successful. I have no reason to run helter-skelter. No. There is simply no reason so to do. Rather, I am confident in my Lord the God of the heavens. When the need arises for me to call on Him, I do and even before I so call, He is aware of my situation and has adequately taken care of same. My calling on Him is just to satisfy my own personal spiritual disposition. And not only me but all who repose confidence in Him. Why not join us and let Him be your Guide always. You are blessed in Him permanently, amen.

PRAY you are this protected even against yourself always, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 12-13; Luke 22:1-20

MAY 3RD CONTINUING BEHOLDING HIS FACE IN HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

READ Psalm 17:15 "As for me, I will continue beholding Your face in righteousness (rightness, justice, and right standing with You); I shall be fully satisfied, when I awake [to find myself] beholding Your form [and having sweet communion with You]."

It is often said that the only way to stay on the bicycle is to continue pedaling. This cannot be truer than in this case we are examining. If you must abide in and with the Lord, then you must as of necessity remain glued to His precepts. This is what the Psalter here expresses as continuing to behold His face in righteousness. So how does one who is in the faith already continue to beholding the face of the Almighty? To continue to beholding His face in His righteousness is to continue to trust in His Grace the same that first accepts us into the Faith when we first believed. It is to continue to believe in and trust His Righteousness and His alone not believing in your own abilities which again is God given. Beholding His face in His Righteousness too also portends the overt faithing in Him in our all not trusting on any other except the complete and total vicarious and sufficient substitutionary sacrifice of His Son at Calvary. Looking up to His Glorious second coming then is the focus of the continued beholding of His face in His own Righteousness and His alone. Are you this knowledgeable? Please do and now too. Remain blessed in Him. Amen

PRAY you will trust and lean on the complete and finished work of Christ on the Cross.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 14-15; Luke 22:21-46

MAY 4TH WHEN TO SAY FAREWELL TO THE BRETHREN

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:1 "AFTER THE uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples and warned and consoled and urged and encouraged them; then he embraced them and told them farewell and set forth on his journey to Macedonia."

As believers in Christ Jesus, not only must we be prayerful; we must also be watchful as we look forward to all things the Lord God will be using to minister to us. He is not limited to a particular medium even though He uses some peculiar media for different individual. My own experience has shown to me that God speaks not only audibly to His people but also uses all things around particularly in the experience of the individual to minister to him. In my own case, anything I set my eyes upon, if I am well disposed, God will talk to me on it. There was a day I was in the traffic and a man was reminding the other the following day was environmental day in which movement in our own part of the world is restricted until ten in the morning. Immediately God reminded me I had to leave home before 6.00 am to catch up with my seminary lectures. At other times, it was the singing of a drunkard that He used to minister to me. I was serving in the remote area of Oyo State some thirty five years ago. I was wondering on Psalm 121 the verse that proclaims that God Who watches over us does not sleep. It was the beginning of my actual growth in Scripture. Then came this sot of a person singing that the duck does not sleep. Then it occurred to me that if He created any of His not to sleep, then He Himself must have conquered sleep, since He could not give what He does not possess. So what is God saying to you with your environment?

PRAY you have the eyes of your spirit enlightened as prayed in Ephesians 1:18, and always too.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 16-18; Luke 22:47-71

MAY 5TH WHEN LAST DID YOU ACCOMPANY THE MAN OF GOD ON HIS JOURNEY?

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:4 "He was accompanied by Sopater the son of Pyrrhus from Beroea, and by the Thessalonians Aristarchus and Secundus, and Gaius of Derbe and Timothy, and the Asians Tychicus and Trophimus."

One major beauty of the Scripture is its truth. Nothing fascinates me the most as the truthfulness with which the Scriptural writings are documented. Nothing necessary for our growth in the Spirit as well as our natural being is left out of same. Otherwise how do you characterize this verse for today! Here was the apostle Paul accompanied by a team of faithful after spending about three months of missionary evangelism in Macedonia. You may want to play down on the roles of these accompanying apostles but I do not see it that way. From personal experience, and from Scriptural analysis I have found out that no matter how graced we are in the power of His ministration, no one is an island unto himself and we all need people to lean on most of the time. It may even be like the case of Moses who had to be assisted by Aaron and Hur to have his hands raised up for the Israelites to defeat the Amalekites. So therefore you and I should not play down our roles in assisting the work of God in whatever way we may be so graced. You may be the saving grace for the day. Remain blessed in Him permanently. Amen.

PRAY you are most available for His work in whatever manner He may decide

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 19-20; Luke 23:1-25

MAY 6TH DISCOURSING SCRIPTURE UNTIL MIDNIGHT

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:7 "And on the first day of the week, when we were assembled together to break bread [the Lord's Supper], Paul discoursed with them, intending to leave the next morning; and he kept on with his message until midnight."

Discourse as employed in this text is the same as preaching or sermoning as we know it today. In this day of one hour programmed service in which the best of time is devoted to money matters, it is gratifying to realize that there were times in the past when a sermon lasted from morning till midnight in all probability. The point is there is no escaping the teachings and intaking of the Word of God any time the Spirit of God so prompts. There is no way you will grow maturely as desired for you by the Almighty if all you do is to spend the maximum of two hours a week studying and or listening to Scripture. There is no way you will abide in the Faith with this kind of senseless time allocation. Studying anything at all the Scripture in particular is an arduous task that requires the best of concentration and time sacrifice. How I wish we all come to knowledge in this Biblical truth! If we can spend hours a day on sumptuous meals that

soon perish why not spend the whole of our time on this extraordinary meal that enlivens? Remain blessed in Him forever.

PRAY your way into finding enough time for your spiritual growth always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 21-22; Luke 23:26-56

MAY 7TH HOW DO YOU PERCEIVE YOUR EUTYCHUS?

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:9 "And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting in the window. He was borne down with deep sleep as Paul kept on talking still longer, and [finally] completely overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was picked up dead."

Let us start by enumerating the facts of this story. Here was the longer talking apostle Paul. The talk went on for hours un-ended by the Holy Ghost prompting. In all probability, the room was jam-packed as to warrant the sitting on the window of this young man. No one saw anything wrong in his sitting on the window. Then he was deeply asleep. He went to hear the Word, but Satan and probably nature took hold of him in the contrary. Still deeply asleep, he was finally overcome by sleep resulting in his death. Glory be to God in the highest. Some would have apportioned blames both on the preacher as well as the young man who risked his life for God. Others would want to blame the entire Body of Christ there for been careless. But no matter how you want to perceive it, God was glorified in same as He raised up the dead young man the same which added to the strength of the Word and ministration of God Almighty. So how do I perceive the young man Eutychus? I see him as an instrument of God's proclamation, simple.

PRAY you are blessed in whatever way God has destined you to before the universe was created

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 1-3; Luke 24:1-35

MAY 8TH MAKING NO ADO ABOUT CHALLENGES

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:10 "But Paul went down and bent over him and embraced him, saying, Make no ado; his life is within him."

Let us thank God always for Christ first and then for His Spirit given to us all. Again I personally thank God for anointing me His prophet and equipping me with His power of prophecy. As a result, I can affirm that the apostle Paul may not have seen the looming danger of the death of this young man. Nevertheless he must have been led by the Holy Spirit to see that the young man's spirit was still inside of him. More than this, he was assured in the Lord that the death was only an occasion for God to be more glorified. This is quite different from presumption. Unlike faith, presumption is carnal and does not emanate from God. In contrast, Faith is divine and originates from God Almighty. So when the Word of God instructs, I push towards fulfilling His instruction immediately. Accordingly, I urge you all not to make any ado about challenges that must come our way and confront us all but to Faith in the Lord as we know His mind in that given instance.

PRAY you are armed with enough knowledge of His Word to distinguish Faith from presumption

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 4-6; Luke 24:36-53

MAY 9TH WHAT'S YOUR MANNER OF LIVING?

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:18 "And when they arrived he said to them: You yourselves are well acquainted with my manner of living among you from the first day that I set foot in [the province of] Asia, and how I continued afterward."

The beauty of today's text hinges mainly on the need for ministers of God to live morally okay and not do anything that is likely to bring the name of the Lord in their lives to disrepute. It is common knowledge that the apostle Paul despite his grace in the Lord worked for his living. He wasn't chargeable to anyone. After his laborious missionary works that were most dangerous, he would still use his hands to make tents from which he earned his living. Occasionally some of the churches he founded saw the need to minister to his needs. One of such was the Philippian assembly as seen in his epistle to this church of God. The point I want us to note is this. It is good and divinely acceptable for the church to feed the minister so that he can without any hindrance minister the Word. Yet, if meat will make me stumble, like the apostle Paul had cautioned, I will not eat at all. I want all of us who are called by the name of Christ to order our lives in a manner commensurate with the Holy Book we preach. You are most blessed in Him. Amen.

PRAY you are morally upright in all your doings and living. Amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 7-9; John 1:1-28

MAY 10TH SERVING THE LORD WITH HUMILITY IN ALL ADVERSITY

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:19 "Serving the Lord with all humility in tears and in the midst of adversity (affliction and trials) which befell me, due to the plots of the Jews [against me]."

The only way like I once noted not too long ago to remain bicycling is to continue pedaling. If for whatever reason one stops pedaling, it is just a matter of time before the bicycle stops all movements all together. The only way to abide in Christ Jesus whether or not we are in adversity or bounteous blessings is to continue in the Faith. It doesn't matter what we are going through. It makes no difference if we are alone in our righteous convictions. It really doesn't matter at all if we are to die for our faith in Christ difficulty as this may be. The truth is we have to continue to grow in the Faith that is Jesus Christ as we remain humble and humbled at the same time. To be humble is to deliberately play ourselves low whereas to be humbled is to be humiliated and lowered by circumstances whether justifiably or not. What matters really is allowing God to be glorified in our all. Doing this always and habitually is serving the Lord with humility. You are most blessed in His service. Alleluia.

PRAY never to say no to any humbling and humiliating circumstance. No. Never please

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 10-12; John 1:29-51

MAY 11TH NOT SHRINKING FROM TELLING THE TRUTH IN CHRIST JESUS

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:20 "How I did not shrink from telling you anything that was for your benefit and teaching you in public meetings from house to house."

To shrink in this context is nothing but to draw back from that which is righteous and desirable. Why would any draw back from the righteous and truthful? Many reasons could account for this major among which is deliberately being deceitful. Secondly, one can be committed to the truth and be fearful. This is one of the reasons being referred to here. The Apostle Paul faced so many daunting circumstances that would ordinarily make one who is not too committed not only to shrink but to also withdraw from the Gospel ministration into which one is called. But regardless of the dangers to his personal life, he was unmoved as he preached from city to city in line with his Holy Ghost commission. How well are you fairing in your calling? How well am I doing in my commission? Am I allowing any distraction to shrink the length of my ministration? Is the fear of death and persecution shrinking your lengthy ministration? Stand up today for Christ Jesus and leave the others for Him to fix. Whatever is your lot, do not back out of His assigned course for you. Amen.

PRAY God for strength in your assigned role to His Glory alone, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 13-14; John 2

MAY 12TH WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT DECREES AND AFFIRMS IMPRISONMENT AND SUFFERING

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:23 "Except that the Holy Spirit clearly and emphatically affirms to me in city after city that imprisonment and suffering await me."

What do you do if and when the Holy Spirit, His Holy Spirit decrees persecution and possible death to you in your ministration as your own course of the Cross? Run away from His Presence like the prophet Jonah or lament your portion as you doubt if you were ever called by Him like the prophet and baptizer John? Or better still you initially consider whether to pray your way out but ultimately realize like the Savior Himself you can only pray your way through this God ordained persecution laden course as seen in John 12:27? My advice to you is just to be still and release your body, soul, and spirit man to Him to be used as desired by Him while praying Him for the desired strength. Remember the Deacon Stephen did just this as he was being killed. He even prayed for their forgiveness. Not in his own power; but in the power and enablement of His Holy Spirit. Remain in His Perfect Grace, amen.

PRAY you always pray your way through His decreed trial, tribulations, and persecutions.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 15-16; John 3:1-18

MAY 13TH WHEN IMMINENT DEATH IS PERCEIVDED

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:25 "And now, observe, I perceive that all of you among whom I have gone in and out proclaiming the kingdom, will see my face no more."

I want to submit that no one who is truly redeemed in His blood and by His death should fear death. For one thing, He has conquered death for us all not by avoiding death from a distance; but by taking on death as decreed by His Father headlong and dying and in death He conquered the much dreaded death. Even in death, He was spiritually active as He descended into Hades and held captivity itself captive while setting free its captives and giving gifts unto all men. Death is no longer the end of mankind, but the necessary passage to eternity Life in Christ Jesus. Naturally we all have the tendency and disposition to fear death. But beyond this, our spirituality should take over and see us through any and all chosen course He has planned for us in His Glory as He is there already with us. Remember that God was in Christ Jesus throughout His earthly ministration and as He hung on the Roman Cross as seen in 2 Corinthians 5:19. You are most blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY you come into full realization of His power over death and Hades as you journey through both

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 17-18; John 3:19-36

MAY 14TH TAKING CARE AND BEING ON GUARD FOR YOURSELF

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:28 "Take care and be on guard for yourselves and the whole flock over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you bishops and guardians, to shepherd (tend and feed and guide) the church of the Lord or of God which He obtained for Himself [buying it and saving it for Himself] with His own blood."

Self preservation as it is said in the natural is the first principle of all preservation. By this is meant that if you will not seek your own preservation, who else will do so for you? Also in the Scripture the apostle Paul has shown us the same principle that is more compelling when in 1 Corinthians 9:27 he notes that he buffets his body and brings same under subjection such that after he must have preached to any and all, he himself may not be a cast out. If Judas Iscariot had noted this much, perhaps he would not have sold his spiritual birthright for thirty shekels. Or even before him the adulterous Esau as the Bible describes him wouldn't have sold his birthright for a plate of porridge. So what are you doing to preserve your spiritual heritage which is the best thing that can happen to you after your conversion? How am I preserving mine? If I care less, how can I expect others to care on my behalf? It is my primary responsibility. I will not shrink from same. Amen.

PRAY you are most alert to your responsibilities.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 19-21; John 4:1-30

MAY 15TH WATCHING OVER THE FLOCK OF THE ALMIGHTY AGAINST WOLVES FROM WITHIN

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:30 "Even from among your own selves men will come to the front who, by saying perverse (distorted and corrupt) things, will endeavor to draw away the disciples after them [to their own party]."

It is practically impossible from the human perspective that occasions of stumbling from within members should not come. According to our Lord, woe betides him or her through whom it comes. If Jesus Christ was not given the grace by His Father to keep all the flock given Him but that the one of perdition should be revealed, you and I will never ever be able to keep all who will fellowship in our assemblies. Remember the mixed multitudes that followed Israel out of Egypt who caused no little distractions to the assemblies. So it is true today and tomorrow also that there would be infiltrators who will perfect their own agenda different and distinct from that of the Savior. But be of good cheers, before they are even made manifest they are overcome already. Remember the words of the apostle John in his general epistle where he noted that they came from us but are not of us; had they been of us they wouldn't have gone out of us. That they may be revealed as out of us is why they left us. Be magnified in the Lord even in times as this. Amen, alleluia.

PRAY you are undaunted and demobilized by internal rebellion in the work of God in your care

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings22-23; John 4:31-54

MAY 16TH AND NOW BRETHREN I COMMIT YOU TO GOD

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:32 "And now [brethren], I commit you to God [I deposit you in His charge, entrusting you to His protection and care]. And I commend you to the Word of His grace [to the commands and counsels and promises of His unmerited favor]. It is able to build you up and to give you [your rightful] inheritance among all God's set-apart ones (those consecrated, purified, and transformed of soul)."

There is perhaps no better prayer, supplication, and request than this-to commend one to the hands of the Living God Who alone reigns in Zion. So what does this commendation mean? Simply put, it means one is released into the bosom of the Living God. One is completely put in His absolute charge for protection, provision, preservation, and all known and necessary care. There is nothing that is not deposited in the Lord in so doing. It is in reality handing off all that is one's for God to absolutely take control. Have you imagined how the fetus totally and completely rests his being in the mother and the mother totally powerless to determine what becomes of the fetus! This is, the closest I can adduce now. I pray that each of us will totally commend ourselves to the Living God as we also hand over all that is ours-our future, fortune, misfortunes, love and hatred to mention just a few, as well as all that depends on us to God. Assuming you die today, what can you do for your loved ones from your grave? Even from the bosom of Abraham that we all go to in translation, what can you influence except what the Lord gives to you to accomplish? So commend your all to God Almighty today and live joyfully in His hands.

PRAY you realize what it is to be commended into the powerful hands of the Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 24-25; John 5:1-24

MAY 17TH HAVE YOU COVETED ANY MAN'S THING OR THINGS?

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:33 "I coveted no man's silver or gold or [costly] garments."

As a pastor and prophet of God who is also graced to sit over His Missions, I appreciate what it is to be like the prophet Samuel who in like manner asked rhetorically from the Israelites, whose ox had he taken or whom had he defrauded as he was ready to refund same fourfold. In like manner, it is difficult for people to realize and understand the hardships and challenges facing true ministers of God as they strive to strike the required balance between their living and the church of God. It is a very daunting challenge which many of us never prevail over. In my own case, I have never earned a salary from the day I started working fulltime by His Word even though I pay salaries of all workers. I have never received glorification monetarily from any member of the church although I do all I can to bring them into His glory. I write books, publish them, and distribute them free to all and sundry by His Word, and I have never lacked all necessities of life. This is not to deny the hardships of life or moments when I am in dire need of sustenance. But God Who alone calls me has been most faithful to me and has been supplying all my needs according to His riches in Glory. Alleluia.

PRAY you are most contented with what He has provided for you always in His Grace.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 1-3; John 5:25-47

MAY 18TH POINTING OUT EVERYTHING BY PERSONAL EXAMPLES

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:35 "In everything I have pointed out to you [by example] that, by working diligently in this manner, we ought to assist the weak, being mindful of the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, It is more blessed (makes one happier and more to be envied) to give than to receive."

How I wish this piece of Scripture particularly the last sense group is amplified for all the world to see and accept-that it is more blessed to give than to perpetually want to receive whatever the situation. One reason is that he who gives and this is not limited to monetary gifts alone receives more blessings from God Almighty directly or otherwise than he who receives. This is the truth of His Word. If you are habitually a giver and faithfully too without any ulterior motive or hidden agenda, you are most blessed in the Lord. Do you remember what the Lord in Isaiah says? That the land which drinks of the rain water and produces food for man and animals receives blessings from God; while that which produces thorns and briers is cursed by God Almighty. If the matter of giving and receiving is this important, why not show yourself approved unto God in this matter and all others like it? You are most blessed in Him.

PRAY you will always be giving in His Grace more than you will ever receive in return.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 4-6; John 6:1-21

MAY 19TH WHY BE SORROWFUL TO THE TRUTH?

READ Acts of the Apostles 20:38 "Being especially distressed and sorrowful because he had stated that they were about to see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship."

Naturally, we tend to be sorrowful when issue of death comes and strikes us hard in our hearts. It is natural and to behave otherwise is perhaps unnatural or extraordinary. It is this *unnaturalness* or what I have termed the extraordinary that is the focus of this message. No one who is truly sold out to God in the Faith needs be sorrowful in matters of death. For one thing death is a necessary end that all mankind in our age and those past are assigned except the likes of Elijah and Enoch who was the seventh from Adam. Besides this, death is the only passage to eternity. What is more we are assured that those who seem dead now are after all asleep in the body to wake up into glorious union at the resurrection of the just. Have you imagined how this reunion will be when you will see all your resurrected dead in that glorious day! So why be sorrowful? Even if nature demands this, remember we have killed our natural beings on the Cross of God the very day we believed. Let this console all of us but in His Grace and power. Amen.

PRAY I will not be sorrowful again but will rejoice always in the promises of the Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 7-9; John 6:22-44

MAY 20TH GOING ON VISIONS AND REVELATIONS OF THE LORD

READ 2 Corinthians 12:1 "TRUE THERE is nothing to be gained by it, but [as I am obliged] to boast, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord."

First, let us all come to agreement on the meaning of the first phrase here in the text. There is absolutely nothing gained in boasting even though some occasions warrant same even in the Lord. Having said this much, let me warn that mere mentioning of visions and revelations do not automatically connote the divine as there are more experiences of satanic revelations around; even in the Scripture there are abundant supply of same. One is the occasion of the satanic revelations and visions of Satan through Baal to King Ahab through which he was killed at Ramoth Gilead. Another was the false visions of prophet Ananias and others of his kind in Jeremiah 28. The list is endless really. For now I am concerned with heavenly visions and revelations from the Almighty. The prophet and priest Ezekiel noted in his first chapter, indeed verse 1 that he saw the heavens opened not just the heaven and he saw visions of God for there can and there are also visions of Satan. Have you come into this divine experience? You need to experience divine visitations in terms of visions and revelations of God the same that will completely change your perception of the Lord and the spiritual for good. You are blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you are like me when it comes to receiving His revelations and visions in His Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 10-12; John 6:45-71

MAY 21ST KNOWING NOT JUST A MAN BUT MANY MEN IN CHRIST JESUS

READ 2 Corinthians 12:2 "I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-was caught up to the third heavens."

It is not just enough to experience the spirituality of God Almighty. It is equally important at least for one to also know fellow saints of one's time in particular as well as others of other generations who have also experienced His spirituality. Why? The reason is to be able to compare spiritual experiences in spiritual languages as the apostle Paul notes it in his epistle to the Corinthians. Knowing people of like mind is the beginning of knowing and sharing common experiences in the Lord and to be more assured of one's journey and journeying in the Lord. No one is an Island and no one can actually work alone whether in the spiritual or out of same. We all need ourselves. And God needs us all to work together. If God Almighty had to call on the other Personalities of the Godhead Whom He brought out of Himself to come and make man in Their image, why be a loner or act solo always? You need me in the Lord as much as I need you.

PRAY you are not a spiritual isolation all the days of your life, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 13-15; John 7:1-27

MAY 22ND WHAT IT INVOLVES TO BOAST OF THIS MAN'S EXPERIENCES AS OPPOSED TO ONE'S

READ 2 Corinthians 12:5 "Of this same [man's experiences] I will boast, but of myself (personally) I will not boast, except as regards my infirmities (my weaknesses)."

Not boasting of one's self as here noted by the apostle Paul the same man who was caught up to the third heavens where he heard words not suitable for man to share out with other men without specific spiritual instruction, but rather boasting of the man's experience the same who was him is focusing on what God is achieving through His workings in one and giving appropriate Glory to Him as opposed to focusing on him who is just a vessel being used by God for His own purpose and Glory. We can boast on God's accomplishments in one as opposed to oneself. We can and must glorify God in His workings in us all the time. It is acceptable to Him. Indeed, not doing this is most sinful. Remember that through the Words of His testimony Satan was conquered plus of course His Blood. If you will keep quiet and not witness to Him in you, then you are an infidel and not fit for His glorious army. Am I doing just this or promoting myself? There is a thin line between talking about one's experiences in the Lord and talking and promoting oneself. We know the difference. So let's do the right thing and leave the unrighteous.

PRAY you know what boasting in the Lord God Almighty is and never be confused about this.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 16-18; John 7:28-53

MAY 23RD KEEPING ME FROM BEING PUFFED UP AND TOO MUCH ELATED

READ 2 Corinthians 12:7 "And to keep me from being puffed up and too much elated by the exceeding greatness (preeminence) of these revelations, there was given me a thorn (a splinter) in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to rack and buffet and harass me, to keep me from being excessively exalted."

The Lord alone Who formed us even before the foundation of His works, and Who alone knows us more than any other person can ever be, knows and adequately determines how to keep us from falling. Since He formed us and commissions us, He alone rightly determines our enablement in Him. This is the more reason why visions and prophesying as we know it today were totally useless to the likes of Daniel and Joseph. He knew what He called them into. Therefore He equipped them with the arsenal of dream and its interpretation. To the likes of Elijah and Elisha, of what use were dreams and their interpretations? Or better still, where was the miraculous works that John the baptizer did? Yet, the Lord reputed him as the greatest of all prophets born of a woman. The point is God is Lord over our all. He blessed the apostle Paul with His over-towering revelations. Yet planted in him a thorn in his flesh so as to discipline his flesh and brought same into obedience in which he would not be a cast out. Ordinarily, a thorn is not palatable to the flesh. But in His righteous opinion, that was the best for him. Christ Jesus was made sin for the whole world; He Who could not have ever sinned. That is what being the Lord God entails. Humble yourself in His doings. Amen.

PRAY you are blessed in the Excellency of His Righteousness in all things.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 19-21; John 8:1-27

MAY 24TH WHEN YOU WILL CALL THRICE AND HE WILL NOT INCLINE HIS EARS

RED 2 Corinthians 12:8 "Three times I called upon the Lord and besought [Him] about this and begged that it might depart from me;"

Severally in my ministration, I have heard the satanic utterance not a few times that whatever I tell my God He would do. This is nothing but satanic vituperations designed to expose the ignorance of the speaker. God is Lord always and He does only what pleases Him. Of course His pleasure is diametrically opposed to ours just as the heavens are distinct and far away from the earth. Thrice Jesus the Second Personality of the Godhead called on God to reverse His course the same which was the cross. And thrice He received no for answers to His request and supplications expressed in so much sorrow and plea that the sweat from His body was likened to the flow of blood. It never occurred twice in His ministration here on earth. Finally He submitted to the Lord that His will and not any other be done. In like manner the apostle Paul begged God thrice to put away the thorn which he considered inimical to his growth and journeying. But when told that was the only way he could and would be fulfilled and sustained in the Faith that was Jesus, he joyously lived in and with the pains; for when he was thus afflicted and he prayed

to God for help, God's power in him was made strong and perfect. What is your own thorn in the flesh? What is mine? Let us gladly live in and with it for Christ's sake. Amen.

PRAY you are most joyous in all spiritual afflictions in your life to His Glory

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 22-24; John 8:28-59

MAY 25TH WHEN HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT AND ENOUGH FOR YOU ALWAYS

READ 2 Corinthians 12:9 "But He said to me, My grace (My favor and loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for you [sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully]; for My strength and power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in [your] weakness. Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weaknesses and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ (the Messiah) may rest (yes, may pitch a tent and dwell) upon me!"

What do we mean by the sufficiency of His Grace for one particularly in this context? According to this version of the Bible, His sufficiency is nothing but the enablement that empowers one to manfully bear His cross in one's course. If you wonder why the Deacon Stephen was able to pray God to forgive his killers and to accept his spirit, this is the reason. It wasn't that he hated life or did not have reasons to continue to live. But he was powerfully enabled in His Grace to go through the ordeal. In a way, he was dead to the carnal but natural reality of his dying. Rather he was lifted and caught up as it were to the heavenly. In the same manner, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ of Nazareth was able to pray forgiveness for the entire world for which He was dying because He was powerfully enabled from above in His Father's Grace. As a result, He was heavenly focused. No one can be this focused without His enablement. This is the same as His Grace. When last have you experienced this? To answer this, you must first ask when last you were subjected to this thorn in the flesh. You are most blessed in His Grace thorn or no thorn. Alleluia.

PRAY you are this Graced.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 25-27; John 9:1-23

MAY 26TH WHEN YOU WILL NOT KNOW

READ John 9:25 "Then he answered, I do not know whether He is a sinner and wicked or not. But one thing I do know, that whereas I was blind before, now I see."

There are instances when we are just blank to reality and I mean reality be it physical and or spiritual. At times like this, we seldom be our best because of the extenuating circumstances in which we find ourselves. There have been instances when I am forced to wonder if my birth has not been a farce. Yes a sham to say the least. Even as I am writing to you this morning, I have found myself blank as regards my next step the same that affects my future if not the future itself. Many times I have convinced myself I am a mistake not just the steps I have been led to

take by God Almighty. At times like this, I have not only played the fool, and I mean the real fool but I have also subscribed to those who see me as a fool in creation. One thing I have known and which natural despondency has never been able to stripe off is the truth that I am a creation of God. The implication really is that God in Christ Jesus never made a mistake in my creation and calling into His fold. I may be blank and repeatedly too. It only tells of my limitation as a being of His. I am not sufficient on my own on anything. He is my only sufficiency. In this, I identify with the born blind here and confess that I was once blind, but now I am seeing in Christ Jesus. To you and to me at times I may seem a failure and a big one too. To Him however, I am the greatest success of my being in Him. What about you brother and sister! Blessed are you in Him today and always. Amen.

PRAY you are just one thing in your life and living: That Jesus is the Lord of your life. Amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 28-29; John 9:24-41

MAY 27TH WHAT DO YOU SAY OF THE GLORY OF GOD ALMIGHTY?

READ Psalm 19:1 "THE HEAVENS declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows and proclaims His handiwork."

Interesting really, and quite too you would want to say. That the heavens which in regards to our own being and making are inanimate, yet most sensitive, most reasonable; most truthfully; and most wise in His knowledge as to declare His glory. They do not just talk it or say it. They are so sure of same as to make a declaration by Him of His Glory. In part, this means they are prepared to die by their confession of declaration. They are so sure of the Creator even if they are not made the Lord of His creation here on earth as to declare what they know. The firmament too like the river Jordan and the sea of Reeds not to talk of the skipping mountains know Him and tremble at His glorious presence. So what says you His creation of the sixth day? Where do you stand in the understanding of His wondrous work and workings? How much have you given yourself to know of His immense beauty in creation? Brothers and sisters in the Lord, the time, yea, your time and mine is now while we still have His breathe in us to showcase His Glory in our living. It is not just making a declaration; it is more of a testimonial of our living Him and His Glory in us. Remember He created you and I in His own image. We are not our own creator and we never can. So glorify God in your living. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are in His glorious revelation in your living all days of your life, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 1-3; John 10:1-23

MAY 28TH WHEN THE STARS OF HIS CREATION ARE MUTE IN HIS GLORIOUS REVELATION

READ Psalm 19:3 "There is no speech nor spoken word [from the stars]; their voice is not heard."

Have you ever bothered to ruminate on whether or not the deaf and dumb glorify God? Are they and can they be saved? Didn't the Bible say Faith, His Faith really comes by hearing, and hearing the original word of His replicated to us all today as documented in the Holy Scripture? Then how can the deaf declare His glory? Look at it this way again. When you are asleep and you're semi-conscious, does your glorifying God Almighty cease? Must I speak out to glorify Him? When the heavens declare His glory as discussed yesterday, which language did they speak? When the seas saw God in Christ in the Angel of His Presence going ahead of the Israelites and ran away, with what did they see Him? Or when the Jordan receded at the approach of His Glory, with what eyes did it see Him and with what legs did it run backward? Or the mountainous heaps that splattered at the approach of the Almighty, how did they do it? Even the dead in Christ and those out of Christ who now sing His praises in their abodes, how did they do it? The truth is you and I are most limited despite His giving us dominion. As a result, we cannot know all things. Besides, the thrust of today's ministration is we are not given to always declare His Glory in speech. There are a million ways of declaring His Glory. This is why I said yesterday that you must live Him in His Glory. Alleluia if you are already doing this. Amen.

PRAY you are worthy of His Glorious reign even while you are here on earth

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 4-6; John 10:24-42

MAY 29TH UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE OF GOD'S LAW

READ Psalm 19:7 "The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the [whole] person; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

I give thanks to the Lord of the heavens for He is good, for His mercies endure forever. I am nothing and I mean I am total dung but for His Grace. And this Grace of His in me has not been frustrated. His Grace has kept me going. People want to marvel how I come to write this volume amongst many others. But the truth is I do not own what I write as long as they give grace to the hearer. God writes them in me in the same way He is working His ways out in all and any who will yield to Him. Not that I am yielded whether fully or otherwise. But one thing I know and confess; and one thing alone is this: God works through me each time I am able to work His righteousness. I am accountable and take responsibility for any and all unrighteous work and workings. Again, I am determined to yield to Him totally and graciously so that all power of His in me will be maximally utilized. In this I confess as I concur with the Psalter today that I have found the Laws of God perfect although I am one of the most imperfect beings to have pilgrimaged this earth. I have personally found the testimony of God Almighty sure and certain in its faithfulness as it has made my simplicity most wise. In His Laws and Laws alone I am being restored periodically to Him such that He is not even considering the retrieval of His Holy Spirit from me. Great is the Lord God and greater His faithfulness to us all. Why not praise and glorify Him for He is good and His mercies endure forever. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are in His greatest faithful glorying all the time.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 7-9; John 11:1-29

MAY 30TH WHAT THE REVERENT FEAR OF THE LORD DOES

READ Psalm 19:9 "The [reverent] fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever, the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

The truth of the Lord is that the referent fear of the Lord is clean; open; straight forward; and without any hidden agenda. As a result, it is forever enduring. But how simply can we characterize the fear of the Lord which here is qualified as reverent? What really is the meaning of reverent in this connection? As here used, it is a solemn, open, and willing submission to the Lord the same that is not forced upon one; but which the knowledge of His Word instills in one. As a result, who fears the Lord is reverent which is humble, submissive as earlier noted and low keyed. According to the book of Job 28:28, wisdom is required by all saints to pilgrimage this earth, that is the reverential fear of the Lord the same which is worshipping Him. Departing from doing evil which is antithetical from not departing there from; that is understanding. What I have indirectly posited is the truth that one who fears the Lord will automatically run away from doing evil into doing good always in His power. This knowledge of good doing will lead to being wisely disposed all the time. Get to know this richly. Amen.

PRAY to be wise and knowledgeable in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 10-12; John 11:30-57

MAY 31ST CAN YOUR EYE SEE ITSELF EXCEPT THROUGH A REFLECTION?

READ Psalm 19:12 "Who can discern his lapses and errors? Clear me from hidden [and unconscious] faults."

It is common knowledge that except through a reflection, there is no way the eye can see itself. In like manner, most of the time, we know not when we sin. This is why the Holy Spirit, His Spirit really is given to us to convicting us of sin and sinning. If we on our own know what constitutes sin all the time, His Spirit has no job in us in this regards. But Glory is God's for His anointing in us the same that tells us what is right and what is not. If Uzzah had known that steadying the bull would cost him his life he would not have dared to in the ark carriage issue. Since death is the reward of all sinning, he had to die. I am sure if King David knew for certain that numbering his foot soldiers would constitute sin before His Maker, he wouldn't have dared it. But he did count for which seventy thousand males were eliminated. Our young friend the second son of Judah Onan as seen in Genesis 38 wouldn't have split it on the ground when he made love to his deceased brother's wife if he knew it would cost him his life. In like manner, all who killed the Lord and Savior and swore that His Blood should be on them and their progeny for life would not have so done if they knew what constituted sin and sinning. The truth is only God determines what is sinful at any particular time although His blueprint in this regards is in the Bible.

PRAY you will let His Holy Spirit put you through in this matter of Harmatiology-doctrine of sin

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 13-14; John 12: 1-26

JUNE 1ST BEING ACCEPTABLE IN THE SIGHT OF THE LIVING GOD

READ Psalm 19:14 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight O Lord my [firm, impenetrable] Rock and my Redeemer."

In the final analysis what matters and counts is being acceptable in the sight of our Lord and God all the time. If peradventure any of our actions is unacceptable in His sight, then we have no hiding place. Cain you will know was a religious person. Having seen his father Adam sacrificed to the Lord God always, he followed suit; but not whole heartedly. He refused to bring blood which was a shadow of the Precious Blood of the Savior to be shed years later. Rather, he gave God what he Cain wanted not what God demanded. Worship is sacrificing God's desires to Him from our person. He had his sacrifices unacceptable to God. Abel who was less religious but no doubt very righteous brought blood and was acceptable. Also Noah had his sacrifice acceptable before the Lord after the flood as he made blood sacrifice. The bloody sacrifice of Jesus Christ of Nazareth at Calvary was acceptable and enough for all the sins of the world; whereas, Israel's human sacrifice to Moloch was rejected by the Living God. To have your sacrifice accepted by Him, you have to serve absolutely as He has commanded. Amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in your sacrificial offerings to Him always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 15-16; John 12:27-50

JUNE 2ND WINNING A CROWN OF ETERNAL BLESSING

READ 1 Corinthians 9:25 "Now every athlete who goes into training conducts himself temperately and restricts himself in all things. They do it to win a wreath that soon wither, but we [do it to win a crown of eternal blessedness] that cannot wither."

Training as we see from today's text is crucial for winning even in natural and carnal setting. This is so because a crown that is made of temporal material is at stake. As a matter of divine truth, life itself is temporal. If we are to be so equipped for temporal glory, what do we say of eternal glory in and with the eternal Lord of lords? The point is you and I have to be equipped for eternal glorification. Even the salvation we boast about in the Lord was adequately provided for by God as He gave up on His only begotten Son as He laid on the cross. So what am I giving up for my abiding permanently in Him? What are you giving up? Indeed what is to be given up? The answer is found in our reliance on the Lord God as instructed in Scripture and living in the Holy Spirit. So we give up all carnal and earthly living for the eternal. This done we are securely assured that the crown of life amongst others is there waiting for us all as His Word is truth by which we are all sanctified. Glory is God in the highest heaven, alleluia.

PRAY you are a living sacrifice unto His Holy Name here on earth for you to reign in Him eternally

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 17-18; John 13:1-20

JUNE 3RD LOVING THE LORD FERVENTLY AND DEVOTEDLY

READ Psalm 18:1 "I LOVE You fervently and devotedly, O Lord, my Strength."

This was the profession of the apostle and prophet David in his tribulations and persecution. Despite the enormity of these, he confessed he loved the Lord truly and righteously. We should all search our hearts to see if we really love the Lord. In one of my recent writings, I had discovered that contrary to what we believe and live by these days, true love is giving; it is scarifying one's interest for the loved one. Love does not necessarily have to be reciprocal. If I truly love you, I do not have to expect that you love me in return. This does not mean love lays no obligation on the loved. No. This never was the case. But our focus today is the art of loving. Greater love has no man shown than Jesus Who loved us and called us His friends and gave His life up for us so that we can be freed from eternal damnation. He never expected us to be able to pay back. We never can do this really even though He expects us to appreciate Him. In our own case, He has shown love to us. For us to play our own part effectively, we have to live in Him. He didn't sacrifice Himself for Himself. He did that for us to live and enjoy life abundantly. Doing that means we have to live by His precepts. Then we would have demonstrated loving Him also. Please go and live thus henceforth.

PRAY you are really in love with the Lord and Savior of the world

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 19-20; John 11: 21-38

JUNE 4TH WHY AND WHY HE WOULD GIVE GREAT DELIVERANCES TO HIS KING?

READ Psalm 18:50 "Great deliverances and triumphs gives He to His king; and He shows mercy and steadfast love to His anointed, to David and his offspring forever."

The Bible is not only true, but is truthfully recorded so that all who come into same can live in truth as they know it. This is one thing I bless the Lord for Who in His wisdom and His alone called me even from my mother's womb. The Bible in the text we are examining today testifies to the truth of God giving great as opposed to ordinary deliverances to his king David. There are some assumptions we need to unearth here. First there can be no deliverance and triumph if there is no captivity, endangerment, and war. These were not in the ordinary. Otherwise there would be no great victory. Are you ready for great wars of attrition? Whether you are ready or not, they would come. So be made ready by Him. Secondly and perhaps more important, are you His king and priest at the same time? For He would only give out these extraordinary victories to His kings and priests who have chosen to reign with Him first here on earth and then in eternity life; by making their lives deliberately a sacrifice unto Him. No one who has not given up upon himself can be this benefitted. You are welcome into the prerequisites of His great victories and triumphs, alleluia.

PRAY you are made ready by Him for His service.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 21-22; John 14

JUNE 5TH WHY HE WOULD ANSWER YOU IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE

READ Psalm 20:1 "MAY THE Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob set you up on high [and defend you]."

For the Lord to hear you and answer you in the day of trouble, you must first be known to Him; and not just Him knowing you. To start with He knows all His creatures as He alone formed them in Christ Jesus. But we must know Him as well so that He can identify us as His sheep. There is no other way to this. In addition, we are to ensure that we abide in Him even before the evil day here classified as trouble. For it is impossible that troublous times should not come. If we are already known to Him; if we are already made His by choice meaning by our choosing to and faithing in Him; when trouble comes, we are sure to have a defender in Him. But if we choose our own wayward ways particularly when things are rosy, then we are on our own when troublous times come. In Psalm 18 the Psalter David notes that the Lord inclined His ears unto him because he David had been righteous in his work and walking before Him. So He rewarded him for his righteousness. This is most crucial. If I habitually plant unrighteousness, there is no way I can reap righteous reward. So come to terms with this truth today, amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in His Righteous setting and abide in same

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 23-24; John 15

JUNE 6TH REMEMBERING YOUR OFFERINGS AND ACCEPTING YOUR SACRIFICES

READ Psalm 20:3 "Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifices. Selah [pause, and think of that]!"

There are conditions that necessitate God remembering us by way of our offerings and burnt sacrifices. Apart from the need to make ourselves living sacrifices unto Him by denying ourselves and only living unto Him, there are also the issues of being acceptable in all that we do. David was freely offered the land to sacrifice as well as the oxen for the sacrifice by Araunah. But David knew too well that any offering that would cost him nothing was and is still unacceptable to the Lord. Today the site of the offering which was and still is Mount Moriah remains the House of God. There Solomon built the first Temple. There the Lord would reign in Eternity Life. Again it is recorded of David that when three of his captains went to fetch him water from the well in Jerusalem and put their lives at great risk, he refused to have the water but poured it out for the Lord as a libation offering. Had he taken the water, would he have been accepted? Sacrificing a wounded and deformed animal for the Lord will not make Him remember our offerings as they are unacceptable to Him in the first instance. Giving money to the Lord from reward of usury; adultery; over-invoicing; fraud; and outright thievery will never do you any good. If you must sacrifice to Him, it must be in His laid down ways. In this only you will be blessed. Amen.

PRAY you come into His knowledgeable wisdom today and there remain

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 25-27; John 16

JUNE 7TH WHO IS YOUR TRUST?

READ Psalm 20:7 "Some trust in and boast of chariots and some of horses, but we will trust in and boast of the name of the Lord our God."

To answer this question first and foremost is to know who you are. Once we know who you are even without telling us we would know who is your trust. Who you are is based on your exposure; your environment; those things and beings you have allowed to have influence on you as your being is being molded. So who are you really? Or better, who am I? I am a Christian minister and a true one indeed. This does not mean I am sinless. I know I can and I should be sinless. But I am still very far from being perfect. This though is my target in the Lord. As a true Christian minister I am learned in the Word of God. I leave by and His Word. His Spirit and none else directs all my actions and inactions. Even when I am sinning, His Spirit will not leave me alone but will warn and convict me until I am repented of same. So who is my trust? He is God Almighty, the Lord God of Jesus my Savior and Lord. He is the Strength of Jacob the cheat and my own Trust also. In Him I have my being and in Him I repose all my trust. I know I am finite while He is infinite. When I am expired, He is there for He was before me and will ever so be after all else is no more. So I shall not be moved as long as I am in His Trust. So who is your trust?

PRAY to come into the trust of the Living God of the heavens today

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 28-29; John 17

JUNE 8TH GIVE VICTORY O LORD TO ME

READ Psalm 20:9 "O Lord, give victory; let the King answer us when we call."

Because He is king I am also a king. Because He is the High Priest Who sacrificed Himself on the Altar, His Altar really, I am also a priest after His Kind. Because I have made Him my trust, He should give me victory. But if I refuse to call on Him when I am in need; if I refuse to give Him Praises when I am blessed; if I repudiate His Lordship over me habitually, then He is not under obligation to answer me since I do not call upon Him. His Word says those who will call on the Lord shall be delivered for deliverance will come from Zion. The point I am led to make today is that all said and done, we all must habitually call on the Name of the Lord. There is no two ways to this. Habitually and not periodically or occasionally, I must call on the Name of the Lord. Remember the Name of the Lord is a strong tower which the righteous runs into and is saved. If the righteous refuses to run into the strong tower; his strong tower made for him by the Savior, how can he be saved? If the avenger of blood finds the killer lingering outside of the city of refuge, tell me how will he not be killed? He has to run at his best and prays for the help of the

Almighty not to be outrun by the avenger of blood. This is when He God will give me victory and you too. Understand the Scripture now! Please do and always.

PRAY you will always call on time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 30-31; John 18:1-18

JUNE 9TH WHY YOU WILL JOY IN THE LORD

READ Psalm 21:1 "THE KING [David] shall joy in Your strength, O Lord, and in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!"

Still on this theme of kingship of believers, all of us really which is here personified by the righteous and true king David from which the Savior descended naturally, we note that joying in the Lord and by implication His strength which is the same as trusting in Him the consequence of which is gladness is a feature of faithing in Him. To faith in the Lord is relying on His promises and waiting on Him to perfect His plan and purpose on and for one. You will not joy in the strength of one you know not or who knows you not. Rather, you will benefit enormously from the strength of one in whom you have reposed strength and trust. Another implication of this is not doing anything and I mean, doing nothing in your own strength. Unlike king Uzziah, you will not go into the temple which was the exclusive preserve of the Levites and burn incense on your own. Neither will you like King Ahab go on a war not authorized and directed by the Lord. Once you allow Him to order all your steps and stepping, you are sure of His strength all the time. As long as you keep to obeying all His orders, you are ensured. Amen.

PRAY you will praise the Lord for each of the victories won in His Name

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 32-33; John 18:19-40

JUNE 10TH WHY YOU WILL FOREVER BE BLESSED IN HIM

READ Psalm 21:6 "For You make him to be blessed and a blessing forever; You make him exceedingly glad with the joy of Your presence."

One consequence of trusting and relying on the strength of God Almighty Who is self sufficient in everything is never running out of righteous supply of all from and by Him. This is so because He provides all and sustains all even those who do not know Him or are rather not known by Him. This is the more reason why in this verse we are assured He will make such a beneficiary exceedingly joyous in Him as He supplies him blessings not just once but for all his life time. We would even aver based on our overall knowledge of Scripture that his descendants to the tenth generations will continue to amass His blessings for the trust of just one. This much we know in Exodus 34:1-6. We have to recall that we are living under the sentence of imminent death. This much we are sure of. This is one reason why we are not reliable. If I make a promise I intend to keep but I am not alive to do same, of what benefit is my promise either to me or the recipient?

But if my trust is in Him Who is eternity Himself, then I am fulfilled as He is always there and faithful. So trust in Him for eternal fulfillment.

PRAY you are eternally assured in Him by trusting Him now and always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 34-36; John 19:1-22

JUNE 11TH WHEN THE LORD IS EXALTED IN HIS STRENGTH OVER US

READ Psalm 21:13 "Be exalted, Lord, in Your strength; we will sing and praise Your power."

We need God to come into being. We need Him to move and even in death, we still need Him. In effect, we are nothing without and outside of Him. We would not say He does not need us. That will be being naive of His nature. He does not however depend on us. He created us because He has need of us and has placed us in positions of authority. Indeed, God has given us dominion over all His earthly creatures. Because He has need of us, we are held accountable to Him. He joys in His own Being. But each time we are a success of His faithfulness or make success of this, He exudes in and with joy in His own strength that we have given expression in our own being. It is for this reason we are to be rewarded by Him in eternity Life. If we fulfill His purpose for us by being faithful and obedient to His callings on our lives, we bring Him enormous joy. But if peradventure we are rebellious, He loses nothing for there is never any loss in Him. It is not just possible. So go in His strength today and exude His joy as He is magnified in your praise of Him.

PRAY you are a partaker of His joying in His strength over you always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezra 1-2; John 19:23-42

JUNE 12TH SEEING AND KNOWING THE HOLY GOD

READ Psalm 22:3 "But You are holy, O You Who dwell in [the holy place where] the praises of Israel [are offered]."

Truly, God is holy. Jesus Christ Who should know best testifies to this when in His High Priestly prayer and supplications as seen in John 17 He refers to His Father and ours too as *Holy,* and severally too. To be holy you want to be reminded is to be totally sinless. In the case of the Holy God, He is not only holy but the Creator and Custodian of holiness. Not only this, whereas all others are capable of sinning or have sin imputed to them; He alone is unable and incapable of ever sinning. He has so much holiness in Him that any sinful missile in His direction is shot down as it were by His internal anti-sinning missile. Jesus Christ you would recollect was made sin for us all Who Himself knew no sin. You can and should see the point I am led to drive at. God the Father of all alone determines what is sin, and what is sinful, and what is not. In this unique position of His, He cannot sin for this will be self contradictory. So how does this affect you and me today? We are affected by the Truth of this divine revelation in that to Him alone through Christ we should run in times of trouble by which I mean sin and sinning for cleansing through

Faith and power in Jesus Christ. This is one reason we must all sing His Praises as often as we are led by the Holy Spirit. Remain blessed in His Grace, alleluia.

PRAY you are as holy as He is. This is the acceptable standard and nothing else

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezra 3-5; John 20

JUNE 13TH LEARNING FROM OUR FATHERS' FAITH IN GOD

READ Psalm 22:4 "Our fathers trusted in You; they trusted (leaned on, relied on You, and were confident) and You delivered them."

No doubt, you will agree with me that one important function of parenthood is leaving a righteous legacy if not legacies for their children to inherit. We are so blessed in Christ Jesus that we have parents in the Christian world who have bequeathed to us good and exemplary righteous legacies to follow. Right from Abraham the father, nay, our father of faith to Isaac who came after him, not to mention Jacob the cheat who had his name changed to Israel for good; but whom God chose to retain for you and me to be constantly reminded that we are under His Grace and so saved; we are all saved and proud of this righteous legacy. Legacy in this regards is not limited to financial inheritance. As far as I am concerned, financial legacy is of little benefit to one who is not wise in the Lord God. I am most grateful to my parents particularly my father already translated to His bosom that I am brought up in the way of the Lord and God has been most gracious to me to have continued to nurture me in His Grace after I have come of age in Him. I conclude this piece therefore by urging you all to remain in His righteous legacy so that those coming after us who are committed to us can be firmly rooted in same. Amen.

PRAY you are rightly, graciously, and righteously entrenched in His Faith and Faithing

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezra 6-8; John 21

JUNE 14TH KNOWING GOD EVEN FROM YOUR MOTHER'S WOMB

READ Psalm 22:10 "I was cast upon You from my very birth; from my mother's womb You have been my God."

Glory is God in the heavens. It is as if there is a question of when to be thrusted upon God. In other words, this piece in a lot of ways answers the question when is it right or early enough if not too early to seek God Almighty? To start with, there is no issue of being too early in knowing God. I have been praying for all my progeny regardless of when they will arrive this earth to know God even from now. At some point when I will be led by His Spirit dwelling in me, I will covenant all of them to His trust if already I have not yet consciously done that. This is the best time or procedure to casting your progeny upon the Lord. Cast upon in this text is thrusting one upon the other; it is throwing away as it is one upon the care of another Who in this case is the Lord God Almighty. Once they are covenanted to God from their procreation as it were, nurturing them therein after their birth is made already easy. This is the thrust of today's

message-that you ensure you covenant your seed to the Lord even before they are birthed. Remember we are where we are today because the seed of Adam was cursed and the seed of Abram was blessed. Be wise in the Lord. Amen.

PRAY you are the blessed of the Lord even before the foundation of the earth

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezra 9-10; Acts of the Apostles 1

JUNE 15TH COMING INTO HIS PROPHECY LONG BEFORE THE TIME

READ Psalm 22:18 "They part my clothing among them and cast lots for my raiment (a long, shirtlike garment, a seamless undertunic)."

Apart from knowing and interpreting the mind of God as contained in His written Word the Bible, prophecy has to do with future occurrence. To doing this, it is linked with the past, all past really whether immediate or remote. So it is a veritable tool in the hands of those who want to walk and talk with God Almighty. Prophecy in this regards comes direct from God Almighty in the power of His Holy Spirit. Here the prophet and king David who was at the same time a priest was led to say things he hardly knew anything about nor would he ever witness in his life time. Yet, he uttered them and even personalized them as if he would be the subject of same. But glory is God in that several years after this prophetic utterance, the same was fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ as He hung on the cross, His Cross really dying for the sin of the world. What prophetic utterances have been given concerning you? Are you versed in prophetic utterances? How much of prophecies do you know? Concerning Biblical prophecies and what is termed *Eschatology,* the same which is prophecies that are yet to be fulfilled because their time is yet future, what do you know? You're blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you come into the prophetic revelation now and forever more, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 1-3; Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

JUNE 16th WHY KINGSHIP AND KINGDOM HIS

READ Psalm 22:28 "For the kingship and the kingdom are the Lord's, and He is ruler over the nations."

Here we are being reminded of the simple but truthful sayings of our Lord Jesus Christ as noted in what we commonly regard as the Lord's Prayer. As we know, the last segment of this portion of the Scripture declares that the kingdom, power, and glory are the Lord's. We may seem to trivialize this truth or take it for granted owing to the common use of the Lord's Prayer. Yet, today's Scriptural passage underlies the truth that the entire universe as well as all in it are the Lord's. In addition to this, we need be reminded that He the Lord makes of the universe what He alone has purposed. By this is meant that the Lord decrees all that can ever happen in the universe or He permits same to happen. In truth, nothing anywhere in the universe can come to pass outside of the knowledge of the Almighty. Remember that for seven years king

Nebuchadnezzar was demented as he animalized his being and kingdom not because he so desired but because it was so decreed by the Almighty. And when He wanted it otherwise, He restored him to his position and kingdom for which the king testified. So what are you brooding over today? What is it you are clinging to unrepentantly? Let go of all and submit to the Almighty. Surely, His belongs the kingdom and kingship itself.

PRAY you will come into knowledge of the Almighty now and always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 4-6; Acts of the Apostles 2:22-47

JUNE 17TH WE ALL LIVE BY HIS POWER AND GRACE

READ Psalm 22:29 "All the mighty ones upon earth shall eat [in thanksgiving] and worship; all they that go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive."

Further to our discussions of yesterday, you need to realize that we all live and be who and what we are only in His Grace. The last sense group of today's text notes that even the so called mighty of the world cannot keep themselves alive as well as you and I. Indeed, no one and nothing can be alive on its or his own. We all owe our being, our position, our greatness or otherwise to the Lord God Almighty. In this context are we all indebted to Him. By this I mean our realization of the power and might of God over us and all that is ours; our acknowledgement of this is the beginning of our being and submission to His dictates. This does not remove from us our responsibilities as humans with free will. As a matter of truth, our free will is the same that necessitates our accountability to the Almighty God. In this regards, we would all do well to know and acknowledge our responsibilities to the Almighty God. For at the fullness of time, we will all give an account of our being. How wonderful and dreadful this will be!

PRAY you are not disappointed on the day of the Lord

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 7-9; Acts of the Apostles 3

JUNE 18TH TEARING YOURSELF AWAY FROM BRETHREN AND PROCEEDING

READ Acts of the Apostles 21:1 "AND WHEN we had torn ourselves away from them and withdrawn, we set sail and made a straight run to Cos, and on the following [day came] to Rhodes and from there to Patara."

Tearing oneself away from the love of and the brethren is not an easy task. To start with not many of the so called brethren are really worthy of the name. With a good many self confessed brethren, one needs no enemy again anywhere. Thus, when one finds a faithful crop of brethren who truly want one to stay and propagate the Gospel of peace with them, it is always not an easy task going away on other missionary journeys. This explains the expression by the apostle and disciple Luke here that they had to literally tear themselves away from the brethren. When last did you have to tear yourself away from one good doing to another required by Him? When do you expect to be faced with this scenario again? My prayer and supplications for you before

His Excellency is that you will be led always in His Spirit to do as He will desire. You will never be a loss unto yourself in Jesus Mighty and Glorious Name, amen.

PRAY I am always in His purposive will to His Glory, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 10-11; Acts of the Apostles 4:1-22

JUNE 19TH RESPONDING TO THE PROMPTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

READ Acts of the Apostles 21:4 "And having looked up the disciples there, we remained with them for seven days. Prompted by the [Holy] Spirit, they kept telling Paul not to set foot in Jerusalem."

I have found this issue of the apostle's not going to Jerusalem or as is here expressed not setting foot on Jerusalem by the Holy Spirit prompting and his insisting to do just that by the same Spirit quite amusing. If I were not to have been this exposed in the Lord, I would have said quite confusing. But given my exposure to His Grace in His Spirit and the peculiarity of being a prophet myself, I am most confident of the situation. There is no confusion at all in it. The truth is grace as well of all aspects of it is gradient. There is hierarchy in divine revelation and vision. How much I am given to know and understand in terms of interpretation of prophecy is dependent on my level of knowledge. So whereas the Spirit revealed what fate certainly awaited he Paul in Jerusalem, saints who saw the vision used their human wisdom to advice him to stay away. Unknown to them, the Apostle Paul who was operating on one of the highest levels of Grace and revelation knew that the revelation was not meant to scare him but to prepare him for the course earlier mapped out for Him by His Spirit. Are you aware of the prompting of the Holy Spirit? It is time you do. Amen.

PRAY you are not wrongly interpreting His promptings but accurately knowing His will

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 12-13; Acts of the Apostles 4:23-37

JUNE 20TH COMING INTO THE HOUSE OF PHILIP THE EVANGELISGT

READ Acts of the Apostles 21:8 "On the morrow we left there and came to Caesarea; and we went into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the Seven [first deacons], and stayed with him."

Quite interestingly, we come face to face with the reality of Scripture-humanity. By this I mean all that is written down is for us human to benefit there from. If what is written has no human relevance, then of what use is the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior? Why preach the Gospel then if it has no human relevance? But Glory is God in His Highest heavens. We see the most important in issues of salvation. Here was the apostle Paul and his team who arrived at Caesarea and went straight into the house of Philip the evangelist who was here identified as one of the first seven deacons as noted in chapter 6 of the Acts of the Apostles. To start with, he was not the only deacon, but just one of the seven. Whereas we know of the workings of one

with the two of the seven, Stephen being the other, what becomes of the other five we are not given to know. Peradventure they made no useful purpose of their anointing. Only God knows. But with the evangelist Philip we are here told that not only was he a deacon but more than this he preached the Gospel. Remember his use for the eunuch of Ethiopia. There are other instances of his ministration. What is to be said of you and me? Are you known in the ministerial world? You had better be known and now too.

PRAY you will make the best of your ministry.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Esther 1-2; Acts of the Apostles 5:1-21

JUNE 21ST DISCERNING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROPHESYING AND BEING A PROPHET

READ Acts of the Apostles 21:9 "And he had four daughters who had the gift of prophecy."

What does having the gift of prophecy mean? Why not say there were prophetesses? Is there a difference between having a gift of prophecy an actually prophesying? What does having the gift of prophecy have in common with being a prophet or prophetess? To start with, to be gifted with prophecy is to be enabled to see vision by way of knowing through His Spirit what is, was and what is to come. One is not anointed as a prophet or a prophetess. To be a prophet or a prophetess of the Lord is to be enabled in His Spirit to interpret and expound His purposive will based on Scriptural knowledge. This is the core. One is also ordained overtly as one. In addition, one is equipped with foretelling and or forth telling. No doubt, both the prophet and the gifted in prophecy have in common the gift of prophecy. No doubt, the prophet is well above the gifted in prophecy. What we deduce herein is that these four daughters in all probabilities were no prophetesses; but were enabled by His Spirit to see into the past as well as into the future. You are most blessed as you come into this added knowledge today in His power and might. Amen.

PRAY you prophesy in the name and power of the Lord most High and always too.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Esther 3-5; Acts of the Apostles 5:22-42

JUNE 22ND KNOWING YOUR MNASON

READ Acts of the Apostles 21:16 "And some of the disciples from Caesarea came with us, conducting us to the house of Mnason, a man from Cyprus, one of the disciples of long standing, with whom we were to lodge."

We glorify God Almighty for the unique way He does His things. In yesterday's ministration, we were face to face with the evangelist of no hidden repute. Today however, we are most privileged to come into contact with a disciple whose name occurs for the first time in Scripture if I am not mistaken and I am not sure if the name again occurs anywhere else. Yet the recommendation or commendation for him as it is, is most welcome. He is said to be a disciple of long standing. Long enough I want to add to house and cater for the likes of the apostle Paul

and his team. The very apostle Luke who wrote the Acts of the Apostles was also included among those who were housed with him. Now let us come to the point really. What is your standing in the Lord? If the likes of Paul, Peter, and Luke to mention just a few apostles of God were to come to your city today, would they find your house worthy to live in? This is the essence of the title of today's ministration. You are overtly blessed in His Grace, amen.

PRAY you are most noble in your service to the Lord God of the heavens

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Esther 6-8; Acts of the Apostles 6

JUNE 23RD DANGER INHERENT IN ASKING THE LORD TO DO OUR DESIRES

READ Mark 10:35 "And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Him and said to Him, Teacher, we desire You to do for us whatever we ask of You."

We can never ever thank and glorify God enough for His mercies and blessings over us all. The Holy Spirit working through the written Word has done enormously in revealing to us all the mind of the Lord on any and everything except we do not inquire of Him. Apart from the truth that the Lord condemned the sons of Zebedee for their selfish and carnal requests born out of ignorance largely, I have found out in the course of my ministration that going to the Lord with preset mind on anything is not the best. Even the experience of our Lord at Gethsemane was meant to show us that except His Spirit leads us in everything, we stand the chance of seeking and asking wrongly. I have come to realize that in every situation I allow His Spirit to lead me to ask any and all things. Sometimes ago, I have just finished conduction a vigil when I linked up with Baba Adeboye [one of the fathers in Christendom in presentday Nigeria] via a life broadcast at the point he was preparing us to view his singlet and then requested what we would from the Lord. Immediately I thought of asking for a Jeep which I needed badly then. But His Spirit instructed me to ask for my life. I was stunned as I did this only for a cousin of mine to come and confess a plan to murder me two days thereafter. Thereafter the Jeep came. Without His leading, I do not ask for anything. Praise the Lord.

PRAY to be always led by Him even as a Shepherd his sheep

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Esther 9-10; Acts of the Apostles 7:1-21

JUNE 24TH KNOWING THE LIMIT OF THE SAVIOR

READ Mark 10:40 "But to sit at My right hand is not Mine to give; but [it will be given to those] for whom it is ordained and prepared."

By limit here is not to be construed as incapacity but to be understood as areas not assigned to the Lord by God Almighty. For a truth, God is above and beyond Jesus Christ our Lord and He Himself maintains this expressly when He notes categorically that His Father is greater than He. In Matthew 24 generally considered the Olivet Discourse by Theologians when asked the specifics of His coming back to earth, Jesus declared that only His Father knows the exact timing.

What this means is the truth that some issues are the exclusive preserve of the Father as some are the Son's and others, that of the Holy Spirit. The thrust of today's message is for us to be most knowledgeable in the workings of the Godhead. Jesus Christ it was Who died on the Cross. The Father brought Him back to life using the power given to the Holy Spirit. Thus Jesus and none else is the Savior while His Spirit is our Comforter. By the time Jesus would have finally won over the universe at His glorious second coming, He would hand over same to the Father that God may be all in all. This much we have to know. God the Father is greater and Supreme over Jesus our Savior and Lord.

PRAY His Spirit illuminates your understanding always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 1-2; Acts of the Apostles 7:22-43

JUNE 25TH EMULATING THE SERVICE SPIRIT OF THE SAVIOR

READ Mark 10:45 "For the Son of Man came not to have service rendered to Him, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for (instead of) many."

The very idea of Jesus is service laden; hence another of His name-Immanuel. Before Jesus came into the earth as Immanuel, He had being in and with God. This much is explicitly made clear in John 1. Besides, Proverbs 8:22-32 talks extensively on Christ's Pre-Bethlehem existence known theologically as Theophany. The point is for Him to serve as our sacrificial Lamb to take away our sin; He had to empty Himself of all His godliness and took on the form of a man. From the moment He accepted to die in our stead, He gave up on Himself to serve us which He did until He ascended into heaven. Even now in heaven He is still serving us as He intercedes on our behalf not minding the Comforter He has given us in His Spirit. Why not be a Christ by serving the world and not wanting to be served! You are most blessed in the Savior, amen.

PRAY Christ's serving Spirit takes over the whole of your being now and forever more amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 3-5; Acts of the Apostles 7:44-60

JUNE 26TH WHEN THE KING WILL SEND HIS CAPTAIN OF FIFTY TO SEIZE YOU

READ 2 KINGS 1:9 "Then the king sent to Elijah a captain of fifty men with his fifty [to seize him]. He found Elijah sitting on a hilltop and said, Man of God, the king says, Come down."

There is the need to remind ourselves of this brief story. The king had just sent to inquire of an idol god whether he would live or die in his sickness. God sent Elijah to accost the messengers and told them the king would die for neglecting the Lord for an idol god. To this the king was furious and ordered the arrest of Elijah. If you were Elijah would you have applied the so called wisdom common these days and step down the message? Or were you in John the baptizer's shoes, wouldn't you have overlooked the abomination of Herod Antipas who married the wife of his brother Philips? The need to be brave and courageous in the work of the Lord is becoming more paramount every day. Do not allow Satan to turn you into a fearful person. Always be

ready to do the will of God whatever it may cost you. Only then will the Lord be glorified in you as He will rise up and deliver you. Amen.

PRAY you are empowered in His Word that emboldens one. You are blessed forever more

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 5-7; Acts of the Apostles 8:1-25

JUNE 27TH THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD-WHAT IT MEANS

READ Psalm 23:1 "THE LORD is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not want."

In this particular version of the Bible, *Amplified Bible,* we are provided with short concise notes which always illuminate the real meaning of the text. In today's text, we have it as an added bonus that as my Shepherd, He will not only feed me but will also guide and shield me. Of course these are not the same thing. Whether we are aware of these meanings or not is immaterial to God's shepherding. No doubt if we are aware of this, we will tend to rely on Him the more. Because He is my Shepherd in a manner no one else can, He will ensure that I am fed daily but not overfed. He would also ensure that I am guided in my every step except I disallow Him which I can do any way. Over and above this, He will shield me from any danger that I need not come into contact with. Where like in the case of Jesus He refuses to shield me from death on the cross, it is because that is my course and rather than shield me He would see me through my necessary dangers. As a result of all these features of His shepherding, I shall not want. This is no prayer or request but a proclamation. Why not trust Him entirely with your being today and always!

PRAY you are a submissive sheep of His

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 8-10; Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40

JUNE 28TH OTHER BENEFITS OF MAKING THE KING YOUR SHEPHERD

READ Psalm 23:3 "He refreshes and restores my life (my self); He leads me in the path of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him-not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake."

Provision of food, guidance, and shielding are only a tip of the ice bag. Anyone who reposes confidence in the Lord Almighty; who makes the Strength of Israel his Shepherd will also have among others the following: nourishment, refreshment, restoration, and leading through the path of righteousness the same which is ensuring that one only does that which is Spirit led. I am not sure many of us put all these into consideration each time we pronounce and mouth this psalm of psalms. If we really put our minds to reason and actually make this psalm our banner, we would come to realize that God as our Shepherd is all we would ever need in this life and those to come. To begin with, let us see how well and how much we cater for our sheep even though we are no professional shepherds. We tend them and look adequately after them to ensure their safety and wellbeing. These and many others we are assured of in Christ Jesus. Why

not stay put with Him as there is no other way to seeing through your life here and yonder! You are most blessed in Him for life, amen.

PRAY you are in the perfect hands of the Almighty by thrusting the whole of your being on Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 11-13; Acts of the Apostles 9:1-21

JUNE 29TH WALKING THROUGH THE SHADOW OF DEATH WITH THE LORD

READ Psalm 23:4 "Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me."

With God the Almighty as Guide and Shepherd, no one needs mind where he or she is walking through. The Lord never promises us a persecution free walking all our lives. No, He never promises this. As a matter of truth, if that is all He promises, then we are just naturally as the others and He wouldn't have proven anything beyond the ordinary. But looking through His works and workings as exemplified in Scripture, we see that He is a wonder working God Who will not shield you from experiencing necessary evil; but Who will miraculously see you through. In Isaiah, He promises to see us through the running stream without same drowning us; to pass us through fire without being burnt such that when we walk through the shadow of death the same that is deep and sunless in its valley, we shall fear no evil. Instead, evil and all that is satanic will automatically run away from us the moment they see the Lord Almighty with us. Ask the Sea of Reeds as well as River Jordan when they saw the Lord. They will educate you better. So rest in the Living Lord of lords and stroll through all necessary evils unharmed. Amen.

PRAY you will be most confident in the Faith that is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, alleluia.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 14-16; Acts of the Apostles 9:22-43

JUNE 30TH SURETIES AND CERTAINTIES IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

READ Psalm 23:6 "Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence]shall be my dwelling place."

Faith and faithing in Christ Jesus is assurance; it is certainty or what in this psalm is called certainty. Indeed, it is the absence of doubts and doubting. Anyone in Christ must be sure of his or her being in Christ Jesus as nothing untoward; nothing not purposed by the Almighty will befall him or her. For illustration we would consider the show of faith of both Jesus and the prophet Daniel. In the case of Jesus He was most sure of His Father that what He had kept in His hands He was able and most willing to keep and will not do otherwise that He commended His Spirit in His hands. He was most certain of what He was doing and the Father never and couldn't ever fail Him and He raised Him from death as agreed the third day. The case of Daniel was no different. He was so sure of his faith in the Lord that he prayed as usual with windows wide

opened and when thrown in the den of hungry and famishing lions and lionesses, he was not bothered even though he saw no vision of deliverance but trusted in Him Who could save him and he was saved. In the same manner, you go and repose unflinching trust in the Lord God today and be a true faithful. Amen.

PRAY you are made strong in His Faith

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 17-19; Acts of the Apostles 10:1-23

JULY 1ST KNOWING THE TRUTH OF THE EARTH

READ Psalm 24:1 "THE EARTH is the Lord's, and the fullness of it, the world and they who dwell in it."

There is the need always to be reminded of the ownership of the earth; and not just the world but also all that are included therein. This is where the Bible surpasses all other books-in that it expresses without any apology the truthfulness of same. Knowing this much and being daily confronted with same will in no small measure guide one as how to conduct oneself. For instance, when I am face to face with the truth of the ownership of a ball pen for instance whose use I crave so much, I am reminded internally immediately that I have no right over same. As a result I can force nothing. As opposed to this, I am internally urged to beg for the use of same. In the same manner, being reminded that the earth as well as its fullness belong to the Lord God, the same which includes me and all that I possess, I am likely to conduct myself humbly. For if I own nothing in the earth by right, but only temporally have custody of all that I have and myself only a pilgrim in same, I am likely not to be puffed up in vain and rather look towards the Owner of both the earth and myself. In conclusion today, I want you to be reminded that you own nothing. All belongs to God Who will take you and I away at the fullness of the time He alone has purposed for us. Remain blessed in the Lord God Almighty. Amen.

PRAY you are in the Truth and accept same always to His Glory

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 20-21; Acts of the Apostles 10:24-48

JULY 2ND QUALIFICATIONS FOR GOING UP INTO THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD

READ Psalm 24:3 "Who shall go up into the mountain of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His Holy Place?

Knowing Who the Lord God is will be a good way of answering this question. If the Lord is Holy, then all who must ascend unto His Holy Place the same being His Tabernacle have to be Holy. Peradventure He is anything but holy, then the ascending persons will not be anywhere near holiness. Glory is God that He is not only Holy but His holiness knows no limit. What is more, Holiness is not just His feature but perhaps the most astounding and outstanding. He is good, kind, and humble. He is also perfect and compassionate, merciful and lovingly kind. The Lord God Almighty is awesome and fearful and any who will not reverent Him cannot come near Him.

As Holy, Glorious, Mighty and Powerful as He is, He loves and appreciates any who will not think high of himself but who will exalt others more than himself and will go about doing good to others. He is Truth and permits no falsehood at all. Thus, any who must come near Him and rightly claim to be His must shun falsehood; do good; and be truthful all the time. So who is qualified for this? No one and everyone is. On our own, we are never qualified not just that we are not qualified. But in Christ Jesus, all who will Faith in Jesus His only begotten Son and would live in His Righteousness are most qualified. In this I am qualified for Christ sake. What about you?

PRAY you are most qualified in Christ Jesus our Lord and God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 22-24; Acts of the Apostles 11

JULY 3RD REWARD OF BEING QUALIFIED TO MOUNT HIS TABERNACLE

READ Psalm 24:5 "He shall receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from God of his salvation."

Unlike earthly rewards, all who are qualified to mount the Lord's Holy Place as well as His Tabernacle are blessed in His Righteousness. This is no financial reward as we would have expected or rather is not financially translated as we would have opined. Instead, what does it consist to be blessed in the Lord and to be adjudged righteous by the God of one's salvation? To start with, blessing in the Lord God is being bequeathed with all goodness one can ever think of in this world as well as the worlds to come. Blessing is the summation of all the divine favor of the Almighty in this earth the same that goes ahead of one into eternity life. One who is blessed in the Lord is never cursed nor can ever be. It is not that he would receive all that he wants, No. This is not the meaning. Contrary to this, what it means is that a blessed person in the Lord will be fulfilled in terms of the purpose for which he is created by Him. There will be no habitual failure of failings in his life. He would live the full course of his God ordained life and will always prevail. His righteousness becomes relevant in that our stay in this world is to minister to the Lord. How well we do this within our given time will determine where and how we are placed in His Kingdom. The only way to coming into this blessing of the Lord is through His Righteousness given to all free by Faithing in Him. God is Great and I am blessed in Him already for His Righteousness in Christ Jesus. What about you sir and ma?

PRAY you are embodied in His Righteousness in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 25-27; Acts of the Apostles 12

JULY 4TH KNOWING THE GENERATION OF THE LORD

READ Psalm 24:6 "This is the generation [description] of those who seek Him [who inquire of and for Him and of necessity require Him], who seek Your face, [O God of] Jacob. Selah [pause, and think of that]."

There is the need to know the characteristics of the godly generation we have been talking about indirectly for some time. Knowing their characteristic is coming to terms with how to describe them in terms of their features. Once this is ably done, we can then find out if we are in or out of this. Essentially, this godly generation is characterized by seeking the Lord God always. They want to please Him. They never for once want to go out of His footing as this is dangerous. Seeking Him in this regard is the same as inquiring of and of Him and by so doing necessarily requiring Him. They never act solo, but will always wait to hear from Him before moving ahead such that they do not embarrass themselves by first acting and then seeking God's rubberstamp. They are akin to the righteous generation of the Israelites in the wilderness as seen in Number 9 who will not move unless and until the cloud of Pillar was taken away. Again they would not tarry for one minute when He is already on the move. This generation will not register with any assembly where they are not planted by Him as they would seek His revelation on this. They do not decide on the number of children they would have on their own but will obey Him in this matter also. Which job to take and which city to dwell they would wait on Him for. In short this is the generation who knows God and will not do anything to displease Him. So which is your own generation please?

PRAY you are in His Righteous generation or none at all

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 28-29; Acts of the Apostles 13:1-25

JULY 5TH GIVING WAY TO THE KING OF GLORY TO COMING INTO YOU

READ Psalm 24:7 "Lift up your heads, O you gates; and be lifted up, you age-abiding doors, that the King of glory may come in."

The truth of God is we are all free agents of His in that we are all given our freewill the same which makes us liable to His accountability. We are not under compulsion to do anything even though we are given all options. Thus, any and every decision we take or refuse to take as it were, we will give account of at the fullness of time. This is where today's text is of relevance. The title talks of giving way to the King of Glory. The question one can ask is whether it is possible not to give way to Him? The answer of course is a strong yes. I can refuse to give Him way even though I pray and will do all things in my power never to behave this wise. You can actually refuse to allow Him passage. This is the more reason why in Revelations 3:20 He notes that He stands at the door and knocks the gate of our hearts. If any will open to Him He would come in to dine with the person such that the person becomes His. But should any refuse to open the door of his or her heart to Him, He stays out for He is no gatecrasher at all. He is a Gentle-Man as I always say. It is His gentility that is seen as humility. Thus, I am accountable for all I allow Him to accomplish in my life as I am accountable for all I will not allow Him to work out in my life. So where are you fitted in all this? Would you lift up your heads to allow in the King of Glory today or would you be persistent in disobedience? The choice is all yours. Yet, I urge you to submit totally to His Lordship. Amen.

PRAY you will never hinder the workings of the Almighty in your life. No. Never.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 30-31; Acts of Apostles 13:26-52

JULY 6TH UNTO GOD ALMIGHTY I BRING MY ALL

READ Psalm 25:1 "UNTO YOU, O Lord, do I bring my life."

Doing a semantic analysis of the above will show that the onus of proof is upon each and every one of us to be close to God or be most far removed from Him. For God so loved and still loves the world that He gave us and still gives us all equally without any payment His only begotten Son. For what, you want to ask? For our salvation as all who will accept His offer of Grace by Faith will not perish but have everlasting life. This is an unrestricted open check [cheque] which all must accept. However, its open-endedness terminates the day one dies. Thus, for all who will frustrate this Grace freely given by not accepting same is reserved Hades and the Lake of Fire that burns unimaginably with sulfur. Even when I accept Him into my life, what I make of His power in me is again my responsibility. It is like being offered the best of the iPhones and refusing to use same to capacity or just listening to incoming calls. But to all who will make the best of the opportunities which His Grace instills in one, the reward is enormous. So bring your life to the Savior of the universe today and stay put in His Grace and power and you will never be the same again now and forever more, amen.

PRAY you are in place to accept His overpowering Grace now

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 32-33; Acts of the Apostles 14

JULY 7TH WHAT IT MEANS TO TRUST AND LEAN ON THE LORD GOD

READ Psalm 25:2 "O my God, I trust, lean on, rely on, and am confident in You. Let me not be put to shame or [my hope in You] be disappointed; let not my enemies triumph over me."

Trusting and relying on the Lord God is leaning on and putting the whole of one's being on Him always and on all things. It doesn't mean idleness or abdicating one's responsibilities. No. This is never the case. What it means is doing what He has purposed you to do; when it should be done; and where and how it should be done as He alone has enabled one. The Lord Jesus Christ shows us a classical example. He agreed with the Lord to empty Himself of all godliness and came into the world. He lowered Himself to the point of bowing down before His creature to be baptized; in this case the baptizer John. He went about in His human legs in the human environment feeling and experiencing all the natural man felt; and doing all the good He was purposed to doing. When it was time to die, He yielded up His ghost and commended His Spirit in the hands of the Lord. In all these, He hoped in and trusted in God Who sent Him here and absolutely trusted Him that He would not put Him Jesus to shame. You and I should lean totally and absolutely on the Lord God in similar way and we would never be put to shame. Amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are trusting Him with your all and hoping in Him even if you have to hope against hope

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 34-35; Acts of the Apostles 15:1-21

JULY 8TH SHAME AWAITS ALL WHO FORSAKE RIGHTEOUS DOING

READ Psalm 25:3 "Yes, let none who trust and wait hopefully and look for You be put to shame or be disappointed; let them be ashamed who forsake the right or deal treacherously without cause."

While triumphing in the Lord God Almighty awaits all who repose confidence in the Mighty hands of the Lord, the reverse is the portion of all those who forsake His Hope. It is not that trusting God shields one from trials and persecutions. Then Jesus would not have died for you and me. Then Daniel wouldn't have needed to prove his faith in the Lord by praying all the times he normally did with the windows wide opened ending up in the lions' den; then Esther wouldn't have needed to fast and prayed three days without eating to seek the favor of the Lord while uttering if she perished she perished; then the three Hebrew slaves wouldn't have been thrown into the burning furnace. No. Hoping in God simply means no matter the trials and persecution, all would end the way God has purposed it even before the foundations of the earth. But those who trust in the flesh like Judas Iscariot; like Haman; like king Ahab and a host of others will experience shame as promotion comes not from the north or from the west. Instead, it is God Almighty Who reigns in the kingdom of men and gives it to whosoever He pleases.

PRAY you are able to trust in and wait on the Lord until He would show mercy on you. Amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 36-37; Acts of the Apostles 15:22-41

JULY 9TH WHAT IT MEANS FOR HIM TO BE GOD OF YOUR SALVATION

READ Psalm 25:5 "Guide me in Your truth and faithfulness and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You [You only and altogether] do I wait [expectantly] all the day long."

When we repose unflinching trust in the Lord, unquestionably, He stands up to prove Himself right and righteous in our hope in Him. He cannot do otherwise. That is why He alone is God Almighty and Lord of all. There is no single evidence of any who has hoped in Him and be disappointed. The apostle and king David testifies to same when he declares having been young and old and never having seen any son of the righteous begging for bread. Not just the righteous alone, but also his seed. For Him to achieve this much in the lives of those who repose confidence in Him, He guides them in the knowledge of His truth. It is not enough to master His truth even if we are able to do this on our own. Over and above this, we need His guidance and counseling all through. As we wait on Him and Him alone, He strengthens us to continue to hope in Him as He did Abraham who had to hope against hope and became the father of the Promised Seed at age one hundred. Without His constant leading, guidance, and faithfulness in seeing us through, there is no way we would make it on our own. Even when we are almost despondent, we still have to go to Him for encouragement. David showed us this in 1 Samuel

31:6 when he encouraged himself in the Lord God when all were disillusioned. It is most well with you in Christ Jesus, amen.

PRAY you will follow His leading; His guidance; His faithfulness to the very end of your living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 38-40; Acts of the Apostles 16:1-21

JULY 10TH LEADING AND TEACHING THE HUMBLE HIS WAY

READ Psalm 25:9 "He leads the humble in what is right, and the humble He teaches His way."

Being humble as simple as it sounds is the most difficult thing to do. I make bold to assert that no one can be humble on his own without His humbling Spirit that enables one so to do. When Jesus Christ was being arrested, the apostle Peter thinking of helping the Savior refused to humble himself as he cut off with the sword the ear of one of the servants therein. Christ taught him a wonderful lesson in humility when He asserted that He could have called for just twelve legions of soldiers. Going by the knowledge of the Roman Army then, a legion was made up of between 3000 to 6ooo soldiers. As noted by the Savior Himself, how would the Word of God come into fulfillment in that condition? Or when He was mocked and challenged to come down then from the cross and they would believe Him; He could have come down then if it was desirable of the Father, but how would He have suffered death for you and me? And what did you think prompted Him to beg forgiveness of the Father for us? It was His humility as He was being led systematically by the Father. You too can and should be this humble for the Lord to lead you into honor and not experience shame of the worst category. Alleluia.

PRAY His humbling Spirit into your being anew now and always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 41-42; Acts of the Apostles 16:22-40

JULY 11TH WHY GOD WILL ALWAYS PARDON YOUR INQUITY

READ Psalm 25:11 "For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity and my guilt, for [they are] great."

As seen in Psalm 51, all transgressions and sinning are against God Almighty Whose Laws are violated in sinning. As a result only He can rightly and righteously forgive sins and iniquity. To Him therefore and to nobody should we turn when we break His Laws and seek forgiveness. This does not vitiate the truth of overlooking the injury caused the other party in the transgression. God recognizes this and provides for restitution and restoration ranging from paying back three to four times what is wrongly caused. Sometimes it is five times. But why would God forgive at all? It is because He alone has the ability; the compassion; the power to and the mercifulness of forgiving. As a result the Psalter here recognizes the sole reason for forgiveness-for the Name of God and nothing else. This is not only logical but equally divine. If His Laws have been transgressed, it is only natural, normal, and divine that we seek His pardon; for the enormity of sin is beyond human comprehension. When we urge Him in His name to pardon us, it is to His

love for us and the sole delight He has in His Son Jesus Christ our Savior that we are alluding. Whether it is Jesus Christ we look to; or to God we call in seeking forgiveness, the truth is we are beseeching God in Himself and on His Personality to pardon. Alleluia for Christ sake, amen.

PRAY you are in adequate knowledge of the Almighty all the time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 1-3; Acts of the Apostles 17:1-15

JULY 12TH COMING INTO THE SWEET, SATISFYING COMPANIONSHIP OF THE LORD

READ Psalm 25:14 "The secret [of the sweet, satisfying companionship] of the Lord have they who fear (revere and worship) Him, and He will show them His covenant and reveal to them its [deep, inner] meaning."

God is the Rewarder of all who seek Him both here in this earth as well as the world beyond. This much is contained in all Scripture particularly Hebrews 11:6. If we diligently come into communion with Him which necessitates our losing out on some things the world eagerly regards and values, He will definitely compensate our sacrifice and choice of siding with Him in doing that which He decrees. There are a number of ways by which He does this and will still do this in the worlds to come including those not declared in Scripture. For today, we are given a few ways some of which are His revelation of His secret plans to them as well as bringing them into His covenant the same which is covenanting them to Himself and to none else. When these happen, we are no longer ordinary people of His but special and peculiar people of His in that we come into His secret not just His secret place as we know beforehand what He intends to do and have the privilege, rear privilege of interceding before Him. Abraham did this on behalf of Sodom and his nephew Lot. Jesus did the same for us all. I have been graced to do this almost on a daily basis for myself and for the many committed to me. Why not seek His sweet, satisfying companionship today and there remain perpetual!

PRAY you are in perpetual, true, and holy fellowship with the Lord God Almighty always.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 4-6; Acts of the Apostles 17:16-34

JULY 13TH WHY MY EYES SHOULD EVER BE TOWARDS THE LORD GOD AND TO NONE ELSE

READ Psalm 25:15 "My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net."

From the little we have garnered in this Devotional, we should all see the sense, the divine sense really in putting our all not just our eyes on the Lord Almighty. For apart from being our Merciful Creator Whose compassion knows no end, He is merciful and loving-kindly Gracious. He is the only self-sufficient Personality in the universe Who needs no one to be anything. He alone is not accountable to any; not even unto Himself. He is the Rule and Law not only unto Himself but unto the entire universe. Nothing and I mean no one or thing can be without Him. To such an awesome God we should look. Why you ask? Apart from the reasons adduced above which are

by no means near enough or sufficient not to say exhaustive, He is compassionate even in judgment. You will remember that David chose to fall into His hands and not into any human hands because He is compassionate. Thus after having punished him for just one day of the three promised He repented of His judgment and ordered the executing angel to cease his anger. That is why I will always as I have been doing fix my entire being on God Almighty. What about you brethren?

PRAY you know Him as you ought to so as not to miss out on any benefit of His due to you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 7-9; Acts of the Apostles 18

JULY 14TH YOU ARE MY REFUGE AND TRUST, SO LET ME NOT BE ASHAMED

READ Psalm 25:20 "O keep me, Lord, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed or disappointed, for my trust and my refuge are in You."

Severally in the last four years of my life more than any other time, I found myself praying in Yoruba Language and openly too particularly in the open church when ministering that God should not put me to shame which I deserve more than I can imagine. For one thing He gave me instructions that involved and still involves financial responsibilities. I moved into a new house He graciously loans me; loan in that after my demise the House turns to the Missions. Then He ordered me to engage four security guards for the Church as no one is living therein. For my house in the remote and once dangerous area of Lagos State, He ordered for three dogs and two security guards not to talk of the maintenance cost of the Mansion among many others. Visibly I saw not and still do not see any increase either in population of members both physical and those outside of this shore or increase in income. I still have to print and publish books He orders me to write and distribute for free. I still travel out on ministrations staying in hotels by His Word largely on my own. I have bills to settle at home as all my three girls are in private universities. I knew and still know I don't have to see anything physical to obey Him. Mine is to obey always and totally. Yet, my natural self sometimes shudders at the enormity of these responsibilities and the consequences of failure should that come up. But glory is God that up till tomorrow not to say today, I have not failed because of God's Mercies and compassions which never cease. He is always there for me. So I glorify Him. Trust Him also and walk by faith, His Faith really.

PRAY you are led into trusting Him as never before in your life and there abide

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 10-12; Acts of the Apostles 19:1-20

JULY 15TH PRESERVATION IN INTEGRITY AND UPRIGHTNESS

READ Psalm 25:21 "Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for and expect You."

How does integrity and uprightness preserve one who is in the faith of Christ truly? Or better put, what is integrity and uprightness really? Both are closely related especially in the divine.

There is no way you have one and not covet the other or rather without having access to the other. Whether or not you take advantage of same is another matter entirely. By integrity is meant truthfulness. It is being truthful the same which is being who you are supposed to be not what you are. For instance you can be evil and always be so found. That is no integrity. Integrity is positively conotated as opposed to the negative opposite of same. Being seen as good and being always found to be good is one aspect of integrity. Being a man or woman of one's word is integrity. Loving good doing and doing just this as one shuns evil is integrity. You can see that only one who is righteously stable in Christ can within our context be said to be of integrity. This is not to deny integrity of people outside of the Faith. They abound. Our focus really is the Faith that is Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Having been this established, one is preserved by one's righteous deeds in the Lord and by nothing else without disregarding His Grace. Amen.

PRAY you are in His integrity and thus preserved throughout in His Righteousness

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 13-15; Acts of the Apostles 19:21-41

JULY 16TH SUBMITTING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH

READ Acts of the Apostles 21:18 "On the next day Paul went in with us to [see] James, and all the elders of the church were present [also]."

Not once or twice in this Devotional in the recent weeks, we have talked about humility particularly as exemplified by the Lord and King Jesus Christ Who was not just humble to the point of dying on the Cross, but Who first humbled Himself by bowing down before His creation John the baptizer to fulfill all righteousness. Here again we see humility in display. You will notice that James appears to be the chairman of the Jerusalem council of the Apostles of Christ largely. He was never a disciple of Christ while Jesus lived. Indeed, He persecuted Christ and was in all probabilities one of those who called Jesus out of His mind. But after the resurrection of Christ, he was converted and here we see him as earlier seen in the 15th chapter chairing the council. He was no doubt the half brother of Jesus. Whatever was the case, other apostles before him had to humbly concede leadership to him even when there is no record of his performing any miracle. More than this, the apostle Paul who arguably was the greatest of all His apostles in His Grace and Grace alone submitted to the apostles by bringing his ministry's report to them for critical analysis. And what they advised him to do for the sake of the people not for salvation sake he did from where he was wrongly accused, arrested, and incarcerated for long leading to his eventual martyrdom. How wonderful is the gift and fruit of His Spirit-humility! Cultivate and nurture same to fruition today. Amen.

PRAY you will always humble yourself especially in humbling circumstances

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 16-17; Acts of the Apostles 20:1-16

JULY 17TH DETAILING GOD'S WORKING THROUGH US

READ Acts of the Apostles 21:19 "After saluting them, Paul gave a detailed account of the things God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry."

I had noted yesterday that it was Paul's humility and the need to be accountable that saw him come to the Apostles of Christ in Jerusalem and submitted himself to their audit by detailing all he had done. For one thing, he wanted to be sure he had not been running a different ministry from that given to the apostles. No doubt he needed their approval even though God worked through him independent of the apostles. Detailing his ministerial working is a sign of being opened to their critical appraisal of his work even in Christ Jesus. To put it straight, it is submitting himself to them despite the enormous revelation given to him by God. Little wonder the apostle Peter in his second epistle was to acknowledge the wisdom and knowledge of God in Paul and the mysteries committed to him by God. We all need to be accountable for us to ensure we are on course. No one needs be an island. Two good heads of ministers of God even with varying enablement are always far better than one. If one person will pursue a thousand and two ten thousand, you can imagine how many millions will be pursued in the council of Jerusalem. We all know that Paul was approved of man and God. You go and behave likewise in His Glory. Amen.

PRAY you are submissive to those whom God has placed over you in your own interest

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 18-19; Acts of the Apostles 20:17-38

JULY 18TH WHEN REASON HAS TO PREVAIL EVEN IN HIS MINISTRATION

READ Acts of the Apostles 21:21 "Now they have been informed about you that you continually teach all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn back from and forsake Moses, advising them not to circumcise their children or pay any attention to the observance of the [Mosaic] customs."

There is perhaps no other occasion than this when Satan had wrecked havoc among believers through disinformation as well as misinformation. Most of these deliberate while a few are misconceptions really. The truth of the matter is they did not really understand what the Holy Spirit was teaching through Paul. Nevertheless, the apostle Paul was humble enough as to hearken to the advice of his superiors in the Lord in that they were there ahead of him. As a matter of truth, circumcision profits no one if not mixed with faith in Jesus. Besides this, it was the dawn of a new dispensation to which the Mosaic old was to and must give way. Yet, the apostle Paul to please and suit the environment he was in was and actually went in to pay the Mosaic vow. There is a great lesson to be learnt in this which Theology has been putting forward to all those who acquaint themselves with same. We must be environmentally relevant and sensitive. For instance, the use of modern drum sets has nothing to do with the propagation of the Gospel. If therefore we come in contact with an environment where the traditional drum is the vogue, embracing same will do more good to our propagation than outright disqualification of same. We must distinguish between essentials and frivolities. Be wise in your ministration, amen.

PRAY to know when to be rigid in the Lord and when to be flexible in the same Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 20-22; Acts of the Apostles 21:1-17

JULY 19TH PURIFYING YOURSELF ALONG WITH OTHERS-THE PAULINE EXAMPLE

READ Acts of the Apostles 21:24 "Take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses [for the temple offering], so that they may have their heads shaved. Thus everybody will know that there is no truth in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself walk in observance of the Law."

As noted yesterday, Mosaic observance under normal Christian setting is not only hypocritical but also quite unnecessary. Yet, it was the opinion of the apostles collectively that the apostle Paul should go through same for the sake of evil doers not for his own salvation. As said over time, no one needs Moses to be saved. As a matter of divine truth, Moses too was saved by Faith in Yahweh. But to fulfill all righteousness, never minding that it was the very observance of this that the enemies of the Cross exploited to nail the apostle Paul to the cross of Christ; but only because it was so decreed by God Almighty, the apostle Paul did just that. The point is purification in Christianity is a matter of the washing with the Word and when time demands and allow with water of the Holy Spirit. We all need to know that mankind is normally averse to change. It is only when the result is made manifest that the change is embraced. Are you led by His Spirit to introduce changes to your worship setting or there about? Do not give up or back down. But pray and be patient waiting for the appropriate setting of His to His Glory. Even then never expect a smooth sail of your program. You are blessed eternally, amen.

PRAY you will be led by His Spirit always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 23-25; Acts of the Apostles 21:18-40

JULY 20TH INCITING THE RABBLES OR THE MIXED MULTITUDES IN HIS CONGREGATION

READ Acts of the Apostles 21:27 "When the seven days were drawing to a close, some of the Jews from [the province of] Asia, who had caught sight of Paul in the temple, incited all the rabble and laid hands on him."

Against your wish and desire, there will always be people who are not genuinely in the Faith among God's own people for one reason or the other which is presently outside our focus. It is not just possible that all who would profess faith in the Lord at any time will all be faithful. Even if they are, they will not all grow at the same level even when all are exposed to the same teachings. Take the case of Cain and Abel who grew up under the same setting. Or the case of Esau and Jacob also who grew up in the same environment and be informed. While one countenances the Lord, the other had other reasons for bringing God sacrifice according to his own wish. Nevertheless, all is known to the Lord even before the foundation of the earth. Our task is to be aware of this and assiduously in His power work to water down the evil effects of the rabbles in our midst. It was this same point that accounted for Paul's persecution here as

noted. Despite the truth that it was God ordained for the apostle Paul, yet it would have been difficult to nail him down if they had taken time to verify their assumed fact upon which he was to be crucified. Are you a rabble? Have you ever behaved as one? Under what conditions did you do this? It is my hope that you will never allow Satan to use you as one again in your life and living. Amen.

PRAY you will never behave again as a rabble or the mixed multitude or participate with them

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 26-28; Acts of the Apostles 22

JULY 21ST WHEN AND WHY THE WHOLE OF JERUSALEM WAS IN A FERMENT?

REAS Acts of the Apostles 21:31 "Now while they were trying to kill him, word came to the commandant of the regular Roman garrison that the whole of Jerusalem was in a state of ferment."

It is really interesting that the whole of Jerusalem God's own future headquarters was in ferment for the proclamation of the Gospel for which the Gospel was indirectly under the worst attack then. It was really unfortunate. That the righteous would die in an attempt to better the world while evil seems to triumph is really pathetic. Remember that it was in this same city and in a similar manner that Stephen that firebrand of the Lord was murdered. But why would God allow this kind of scenario and when exactly should this happen? All things, says the Bible work together for good for them who love God; for them who are called according to the purpose of the Lord God. Thus, Jesus had to die in like manner. Paul was this being brutalized second only to the Lord for the furtherance of the Gospel. He himself declared this in his epistle to the Philippians. If he was not arrested and subsequently incarcerated, there was no way perhaps for the governor, the king, and the emperor himself to hear the Gospel direct and made up their minds whether to believe or not. God knows all things. I may not know. Mine is to believe that He is able to work out His way anyhow, anywhere, and whenever. Glory is His name, amen.

PRAY you are in line with the total agenda of God for the universe especially as it affects you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 29-30; Acts of the Apostles 23:1-15

JULY 22ND SEEING AND KNOWING PAUL IN HIS APOLOGETICS

READ Acts of the Apostles 21:39 "Paul answered, I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no insignificant or undistinguished city. I beg you, allow me to address the people."

In Theology, apologetics is the defense of the Gospel. It is not appealing for pardon or regretting any action as in the ordinary use of apology. It is necessary for all believers in particular and all would-be-believers to get accustomed to the apologetics of the apostle Paul; peradventure we would all need same or learn from same in readiness for our own defense too. I particularly appreciate the cool manner and excellent respect and humility with which the apostle Paul conducted himself throughout his defense beginning from here as he was not insolent, angry or

allowed emotion to get the better of himself. While yielding himself to the use of the Holy Spirit, he never forgot to take advantage of the divisive nature of the Sanhedrin when it was expedient so to do. Here for instance, he craved the indulgence of the commandant most respectively to grant him audience as he again preached indirectly the Gospel of Christ while not losing sight of his background as a Roman citizen. We should not be this less informed in our daily ministrations of Him Who alone shed His Blood for our remission.

PRAY you are in the right frame of mind, body and soul always in His power

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 31-32; Acts of the Apostles 23:16-35

JULY 23RD WHY THE LORD WILL BRING YOU TO THE GOOD LAND PROMISED

RED Deuteronomy 8:7 "For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountain and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills;"

You may want to know and realize that the only reason why God would bless anyone is for His own pleasure ultimately and primarily. Yes! The individual will personally benefit there from. That is our God for you. But never would He create anything except for His own good and purpose. Whether you suffer in the process or not; whether you want to be seen or otherwise; God will only bless you for His own purpose. Thus, if in the process you mess yourself up by neglecting the primary purpose of your blessing, then you will incur His wrath as He does not and cannot be a Loser. It is in this context that today's text is most relevant. The Lord through the apostle and prophet Moses was reminding them of His Promise to them through Abraham their forefather that He would bring them to the Promised Land the same that was almost self-sufficient in everything. Thus, they would have no reason not to come and serve the Holy Lord of the universe. In the same way, I am sent to you today to remind us all that all the Lord has ever promised for us, He is able and ready to fulfill if only we would be patient enough. For when Abraham had patiently endured all as noted in Hebrews 6, he was able to appropriate the promise of God. When we are then fulfilled, it is then we should serve God the most so that His purpose of blessing us would be fulfilled. This is in our own interest if we must know. Amen.

PRAY you will never rob God of the blessings of His goodness in your life and living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 33-34; Acts of the Apostles 24

JULY 24TH BLESSING THE LORD YOUR GOD IN ALL HIS BLESSINGS

READ Deuteronomy 8:10 "When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for all the good land He has given you."

The need to bless God for all His blessings over our life stems from our recognition of Him as the Provider of our all. That we are not the giver of these things to ourselves; that He alone created all things and made us gods over them, and He is sustaining us all in same. As a result, acknowledging Him in His provisions is a right step in further serving and worshipping Him such

that we would not get swollen headed as we humble ourselves before Him. Nothing delights God more than His sons and daughters humbling themselves in His blessing. You will enhance your positional blessings and be able to appropriate more of His blessings for you if you comport yourself in His initial and subsequent blessings; if you refuse to arrogate to yourself the honor that does not belong to you; if you reverence Him the more in His present provisions. These and many others are the pivotal points of note in today's text and message. How well are you comporting yourself in all these? In the past how well have you fared? It is time you reconcile to God and in all your way acknowledge His powerful hands. You are blessed perpetually in Him now and forever more, amen.

PRAY you are adjudged worthy in His blessings over your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 35-36; Acts of the Apostles 25

JULY 25TH NOT FORGETTING THE LORD YOUR GOD IN YOUR AFFLUENCE

READ Deuteronomy 8:14 "Then your [minds and] hearts be lifted up and you forget the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

Human tendencies seem best in their untamed feature to deny God when blessed perfect; or even when blessed a little. These are vain arrogance and self destructive tendencies. Man never created himself as nothing is self created in the universe. Apart from God the Perfect Creator, nothing, and I mean absolutely nothing is self existent as there is and must be a manufacturer for all creations or good. This is the way it works out. So, for man to claim to be independent of the Creator God is the worst self delusion of our time. To also acclaim success in all one is blessed with is to be senile in one's youthfulness. Why? It is because the race is not necessarily to the swift; nor bread for the strong; or success for the most prepared. As Scripturally noted, time and chance will play foul on all. In other words, it is not by chance or power; but certainly by the Spirit of the Most High God is one blessed and the other put down; one is raised up and the other buried; one is promoted and the other totally annihilated. Not by your power or mine. So when we are self sufficient in His provisions, that is the time to remember and acknowledge the power of God over our lives. Remember Job the sage and prophet and reason biblically. Amen.

PRAY you are not puffed up in all your being

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 35-36; Acts of the Apostles 25

JULY 26TH REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LORD WHO FED YOU WITH MANNA

READ Deuteronomy 8:16 "Who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end."

Whatever God does either by His decrees or His permissive will is for the good of the individual in the final analysis. This is the truth of Scripture and the knowledge of the Most High. Agreed,

we cannot know exactly what He is doing or going to do, even when He tells us before hand. His ways are such that the nitty-gritty of same is kept away from us. But at the endpoint we would all see it clearly that God is good. This is one reason the apostle Paul in Romans 8:28 notes that we all know or should better know and now too that all things work well for good for those who love God; for those who are called according to His divine will and His alone. Thus, when God was feeding them with manna which they knew not and which was not like fish and garlic they were used to eating in Egypt, they never knew it was for their spiritual good the more as well as for their physical being. Instead they craved for meat and failed the test of divine submission. Of course all died in the wilderness without God's purpose vitiated. Have you passed this test and severally too? Note-it is continual and not just one time. You are blessed. Amen.

PRAY you will always submit to God Almighty all the days of your living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 40-42; Acts of the Apostles 27:1-26

JULY 27TH WHY YOU MUST ALWAYS EARNESTLY REMEMBER YOUR GOD

READ Deuteronomy 8:18 "But you shall [earnestly] remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day."

In the natural, power is behind every motion and movement, whether electrical or otherwise. All needs power to energize and function. So it is in the spiritual. Man is who and what he is today first because He was so created by God. Secondly and equally important is the truth that He God had to power the man by breathing into his nostrils the breath of life by which he became a living soul. Without the power and this powering, man is naught. And this is the divine truth. In death, it is this power that is taken out temporarily until the day of resurrection. Jesus our Lord had to be energized with Holy Ghost and power to function as God and Savior. Thus when the woman with the issue of blood was silently but secretly healed, He perceived power coming out of Him. It is always in our good to remember and not just to be reminded that we are who we are because of God powering us for His purpose, the same which is being who and what He alone has conceived us to be. He has His purpose for our being and sustenance. We are not of our own even if we see Him not on a daily basis. He is God in the heavens doing what He alone specializes in doing-giving power to the weak such that they can become strong and get stronger as they rely on Him. How much of this have you allowed yourself to know? It is time you allow this knowledge into your being once and for all for your own good and the good of those under you.

PRAY you are most conscious of the secret of your being in Christ Jesus

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 43-45; Acts of the Apostles 27:27-44

JULY 28TH OBEYING IN YOUR OWN INTEREST

READ Genesis 22:1 "AFTER THESE events, God tested and proved Abraham and said to him, Abraham! And he said, Here I am."

Just a few days ago in this same Devotional while ministering Christ to you, I noted that the testing of God for us saints is continual to say the least. Here we are with another reality of this situation. Calling Abraham when he was among his brethren and parents without knowing Him before then and asking him to depart all he had ever known for the unknown which was not even specified until he obeyed was his first test. There were several others which we will have no time here to discuss. But here in today's text, we see how God was determined to test him again and gloriously He proved him by Himself. The first step of this testing here noted is His calling out to him. If he had refused to answer Him by declaring here I am which was his readiness to listen to and obey Him, God wouldn't have continued to talk. In 1 Samuel, God called out to Samuel the young lad then thrice and thrice the lad failed the test. God remained where He was until he got it right the fourth time. Once Abraham got it right, God went ahead to tell him why He had called him. For sure God does not call for the fun of it. If He calls it may be for good or evil or both. When He called out to Adam in Genesis chapter 3 it was for evil. May you never give God cause to call out on you for evil.

PRAY you are ready for His call always so as to be proven in His Righteousness

HIS LOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 46-48; Acts of the Apostles 28

JULY 29TH FINDING THE LAMB FOR YOUR BURNT OFFERING

READ Genesis 8:7 "And Isaac said to Abraham, My father! And he said, Here I am, my son. [Isaac] said, See, here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt sacrifice?"

To seek diligently not just seeking once or frivolously is to find. So how does one seek to find from the Lord? Perhaps how does one seek the Lord in the first instance? According to the prophet Isaiah, to seek the Lord when and where He can be found is to find Him. So when and where can He be found? He can only be found when He reaches out to you either directly Himself or through His messengers both human and non-human. Abraham found Him when He called out to him. Adam too knew Him when He called out to him and made Himself known to him. Moses found Him in the burning bush. Hagar found Him when He called out to her in the wilderness. Isaiah also found Him when He called out to him and sought to use him. You too will find the Lord God today in His written Word as well as in His spoken Words through His numerous messengers He will send to you. Jacob found Him in his dreams of the night. Elijah when troubled found Him at the mouth of the cave. To all who will diligently seek the Lord when the timeout is not near, the Lord will show Himself. And once you find Him, then your sacrificial lamb and your sacrifice will be made acceptable in Him through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAY you will be ready always when the Lord Himself comes calling on you and not miss out

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 49-50; Romans 1

JULY 30TH GOD HIMSELF HAS PROVIDED THE SACRIFICIAL LAMB IN CHRIST JESUS

READ Genesis 22:8 "Abraham said, My son, God Himself will provide a lamb for the burnt offering. So the two went on together."

For God's sake, why did Abraham tell his son the Lord God Himself would provide the sacrificial lamb when He never told him that much? Perhaps more importantly, how would He provide it in the wilderness where there was hardly any life at all? More relevant to you and me, how did He provide heavenly fowls and manna in the wilderness? How did He turn a mountainous rock into a flint of water? How did He form the earth from nothing and how has He been able to stabilize all of the universe and sustain all its varying and various inhabitants? How did He form the mighty oceans and how for God's sake has He hung the sky up without any visible pillar all the while? The same way He has done these numerous wonders of His is the same way He provided a burnt offering beyond any human comprehension in Christ Jesus even from the beginning of His works. To all who will Faith in Him is the various needed sacrificial provisions made already in Christ Jesus. Do you believe this? You better do now. Amen.

PRAY for His continuous sacrificial revelation to be grounded in your heart of heart

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 51-53; Romans 2

JULY 31ST WHEN YOU ARE READY YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND HIM AHEAD OF YOU

READ Genesis 22:10 "And Abraham stretched forth his hand and took hold of the knife to slay his son."

Unlike you and I who are presently reading Scripture, Abraham and all the patriarchs were part of the making of the Scripture. So what you and I read and enjoy they live in and through and just as you are kept in suspense when watching a movie particularly the dreadful, they too were oblivious of how it would turn out. God knew from the beginning He was testing Abraham. Abraham never knew. But one thing he had, which even Satan cannot and God would not take away from him was his Faith in the Lord. He faithed in Him so much that even if he slaughtered his only begotten son Isaac, God was able and most willingly to bring him back to life as He is God of all and any possibility. Nothing, and I mean absolutely nothing shall be made impossible with Him. Are you with the Lord this much? Having been assured of this, he was ready for the kill after assuring the son Isaac God would provide. At the point he was ready, he proved himself to God that he was most faithful to Him and would forever so be. When last did you prove yourself to God? Until you do, all promises of His to you in all probabilities are held in probation. As soon as you are ready to walk into the Sea of Reeds with Moses and the ailing Israelites, He would then reveal to you that which He only is capable of doing; but certainly not before you prove yourself.

PRAY you are made ready always in Him by Him and for HIM

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 54-56; Romans 3

AUGUST 1ST NOT LAYING HANDS ON THE LAD OR DOING ANYTHING TO HIM

READ Genesis 22:12 "And He said, Do not lay your hands on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know you fear and revere God, since you have not held back from Me or begrudged giving Me your son, your only son."

There are conditions to be fulfilled and met before we can receive this reprieve from the Lord- not to lay our hands on the lad or do him any harm. Of a truth God owns everything and being wherever and whoever. That is the truth. Yet, He gives them all out to us to manage with a view to seeing us perfect His Being in our administration. When we administer in righteousness by doing it exactly as He has commanded; then He excludes us from labor. Yes, everything we do is laborious except in His Grace the same that makes it His delight. Here, God tested and proved Abraham. Notice that He referred to Isaac as his only son. This means that the slave boy Ishmael sent away by Him was no son of his. And the only one who could have been his consolation had just been ordered murdered by the same Good God. Yet, Abraham obeyed as if he had all sons and daughters. Having obeyed totally as directed, God found in Him what He sought in all with no success. Thus, He excused his self sacrifice in this manner and instead provided a surrogate. It was not the same case with Jesus of Nazareth Who had to sacrifice Himself. In other words, do not always predict how God would act. He is Sovereign. But however He chooses to act, it is for you and me to obey and obey fully too. Remain blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY you are found acceptable to Him any time He comes calling

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 57-59; Romans 4

AUGUST 2ND KNOWING WHEN TO NAME IT JEHOVAH JAREH

READ Genesis 22:14 "So Abraham called the name of that place The Lord Will Provide. And it is said to this day. On the mount of the Lord it will be provided."

Perhaps more than my peers and certainly more than I ever deserve, God has been too good to me if He can ever be too much in anything. I have been blessed to have been birthed by parents who were called and nurtured in a prophetic setting and who did all in their powers in the Grace they had received to rear me as it were in that setting. What is more, He has given me of His Spirit and anointed me His prophet. In this way, I am led always as to what to do and what not to do unless I personally choose to be disobedient. Even on issues one would consider mundane as frivolous as what to wear when and how, He always leads me. As a result, all my children whom He has graciously given me are named as He directed. There is no one I named on my own. There was this one named Elijah from the womb. All including myself concluded she must be a male for no female has been found to bear that name. She came as a female and on the Christening day, not a few arguments arose from invited elders only for one of their own prophets who accompanied them to prophecy in the Spirit of God that the baby's name was and

still is Elijah. Do you allow God and have you imbibed the culture of His constant leading to come over you? It is time you do. God bless you.

PRAY you will be always led by Him for only when He does this are you proven to be His

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 60-62; Romans 5

AUGUST 3RD WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU LOVE?

READ Psalm 26:8 "Lord, I love Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells."

Love you know is an emotional thing that emanates from the heart of the individual. It is one thing we share with the Lord God although in our limited and fallen form. It is more often than not faked. When this happens it begs the name infatuation. But we are concerned with the authentic form of love and loving. We can loosely characterize love, His love in our hearts really as a strong desire to wanting to be with Him. It is delighting in the Lord if we are to shorten it. As noted earlier, this in its authenticity cannot be faked. It is either you love God from your heart because His Spirit has so motivated and mobilized you or you are not. Loving the Lord is one of the greatest things we can ever do if not the greatest really. It can only come when we have truly given our lives to the Lord God through Faithing in His Son Jesus Christ and waiting to be powered from on High. When we are so enabled and we daily diet in His Word and wash same down in and with His Blood, then we begin to age in His knowledge and aging in His Word is the oil with which His love is grown firmly in us. There is no way any can love the Lord or grow in this without corresponding growth in His Word. So what do you love really, the Lord or the world? It is up to you.

PRAY you are in the Love, true Love of the Almighty as you grow in His Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 63- 65; Romans 6

AUGUST 4TH WALKING IN INTEGRITY

READ Psalm 26:11 "But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; redeem me and be merciful and gracious to me."

Not too long ago, we were led by His Spirit to define in details what integrity is. For now it will suffice to note that integrity is truthfulness. It is being found faithful in all things. It is opposed to deceit and deceitfulness. Walking in integrity within the context of Christianity then is walking in truth as laid down in Scripture. It is not overcoming mistakes and never sinning even though this is our goal of and in perfection. But being faithful and honest enough to own up when we err. King David was a good illustration in this regard. After initially covering up his sexual lapse with Bathsheba the wife of Uriah his captain, he owned up before the Word of God given by his friend and prophet Nathan as he confessed he had sinned and went forward to seek God's renewed favor. This is exactly what is meant by singling out this text for discussion. There is the need for us not only to purpose but also to bring to pass that which we purposed in the Lord

through His power. How well are you and I faring in this regards? May His Spirit continue to overshadow us in His protection as we walk in and with Him.

PRAY you will never lie and or try to cover up your lies, but confess and repent of same

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 66-67; Romans 7

AUGUST 5TH WHEN AND WHY I WILL FEAR NO ONE

READ Psalm 27:1 "THE LORD is my Light and my Salvation-whom shall I fear or dread? The Lord is the Refuge and Stronghold of my life-of whom shall be afraid?

The power of light naturally is over-towering as it overshadows all darkness and all that is hideous. Making God one's light in His Faith is beyond human comprehension. It does not shield one from temptations and deserved and progressive persecutions. No. Rather, it is ensuring that no matter how deep the enemies of your soul will push you in the deep, you will refuse to drown and more than this you will come out and have your righteous desires over your enemies realized. Remember both the apostles and prophets Job and Joseph. They were in the mire of life almost getting hopelessly drowned. But God was with them as He lighted their darkness in and of tribulation. They prevailed not in their powers as they had none, but in the Might of His power and Grace. He is still the Same as He was and will so remain not just now but until and beyond tomorrow. Only God will remain and last forever in the form He has being from His eternity. So why fear any evil report or being! It is most well with and in you in Him. Amen.

PRAY you are most courageous as you triumph through the vicissitudes of life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 68-69; Romans 8:1-21

AUGUST 6TH BEING HIDDEN IN THE SECRET SHELTER OF THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 27:5 "For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter; in the secret place of His tent will He hide me; He will set me high upon a rock."

As a follow up to our discussion of yesterday, the Lord God knows how to save His own from being drown in the vicissitudes of life and living in general. This is the theme here being explored by the Psalter. While allowing us to go through necessary evils such as a woman going through labor pains, He will at the same time assuage you and cushion this necessary but unpalatable pains and experiences as He protects you at the same time. Remember how and what He did to Nebuchadnezzar whom He turned into a big monkey for seven years of his deserved punishment. First He ensured no one overthrew his kingdom which He gladly gave to Him when He chose to make Him His whipping horse. Secondly, He kept his wives and families and even his kingdom as he returned to reign over same. More than all this, His angels although unseen protected the precarious and open to abuse creature through the seven years of his judgment. If that was too far to see, are you aware that even in judgment He never allowed anyone to do the

Israelites any evil for the forty years they were circling endlessly in the wilderness? He even fed them manna of His and quails for this period. How wonderful is our Living Lord and God!

PRAY He will make you know how wonderful it is to Faith in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 70-71; Romans 39

AUGUST 7TH WAITING AND HOPING FOR THE LORD

READ Psalm 27:14 "Wait and hope for and expect the Lord; be brave and of good courage and let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect the Lord."

One of the most difficult virtues of the Christian faith to develop is waiting and patiently too. As the word implies, waiting is being hopefully expectant of the Lord. There is no timetable as to how long the waiting will last. Sometimes it is the whole of one's life. In some cases, it could be less than that. But for His salvation to be fully realized, we wait for the whole of our life. I have been privileged to stay in some of the best hotels in the world at one time or the other. There I have seen what it means for one to wait on the other. The waiter or waitress as the case may be almost dots on you as he or she performs the duty for which he or she is employed always ready to do your bidding until you are satisfied. It is not in the waiter's power to determine how long he waits. He just stays there serving the guest of his employer for his wages. That of God is akin to this but more. He is your Creator and Sustainer. You really don't serve God but only serve yourself. As the Lord Who knows all, He expects you to remain hopefully confident in all He has packaged for you and trust Him enough to see them unfold at the set time. Before the set time, nothing can happen. But at the set time if you are found faithful, you are fulfilled. Glory is God in the Highest Heaven. Amen.

PRAY you are in hopeful expectation of the Lord as He perfects His purpose in your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 72-73; Romans 9:1-15

AUGUST 8TH WHOM DO YOU CRY TO WHEN IN DISTRESS?

READ Psalm 28:1 "UNTO YOU do I cry, O Lord my Rock, be not deaf and silent to me, lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those going down to the pit [the grave]."

Distress as you know presupposes a need for help. Looked at from another perspective, distress indicates discomfort and the urgent need for comfort from the distressing power or influence. No one wants to be distressed for a second; yet, distress is a fact and even truth of life and living. Whether self inflicted or otherwise, everyone wants to be freed from distress. Under normal circumstance, a mother will do anything in her power to free her child from any distressing situation. The more reason why the prophet Isaiah in chapter 49 of his book asks if a mother would not heed the distress call of her child. Surprisingly, he answered through inspiration of His Spirit she may not answer. If a mother can be this insensitive to the crying needs of her child, who then is to be trusted? Or better put, if a family under the point of the

gun on their heads had the wife raped savagely and repeatedly as they looked on, who can deliver this suffering woman and mother from the distressing situation effectively and without endangering any? I want to posit that the only power to be so trusted in situations like this and those more worrisome is the Lord God Almighty. But calling on Him only in distressing situation is not it. We have to know Him, accept Him, and live Him in all situations particularly before this bad one. So who do you call on in your distress whether in life or in your dream world, or even in death and possibly after death?

PRAY you know Him now before the evil day that is looming manifests

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 74-76; Romans 9:16-33

AUGUST 9TH BLESSED BE THE LORD IN THE HIGHEST HEAVENS

READ Psalm 28:6 "Blessed be the Lord, because He has heard the voice of my supplications"

In my own language and culture, Yoruba, it is an abomination not to be thankful. This position is also true of Scripture. As a matter of divine truth, thankfulness which is another name for His Praise or Praises is the most potent power to move Him to act in one's favor. Jesus only thanked the Father when He performed the most outstanding miracle apart from that of salvation and Lazarus already decaying and fermenting in putrefaction came back to life. When confronted with the multiple news of evil befalling him; and at the end of all evil news, Job tore his dress; put ashes on himself and **worshipped the Lord.** The nine lepers just cleansed who didn't come back to thank Jesus Christ had their healing reversed. God always appreciates a thankful heart. Why? This is because it shows gratefulness borne out of an appreciative heart that acknowledges the power of God. As a matter of divine truth, God owes us no duty on any front. That is the truth. Thus, if and when we receive His bounteous and bountiful blessings in any way, it is incumbent on us to say thank you Father of all blessings. Another of the Yoruba adage goes like this: a hunter who after hunting down a game prays to the Lord in appreciation does it for the future not for the past game already in his kitty. How thankful are you and I? Each time I wake up no matter how many times before the dawn, I thank the Lord for the grace of life and living and I am sure He enjoys it. You go and do likewise today and always.

PRAY you always give thanks with a grateful heart to the Holy One

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 77-78; Romans 10

AUGUST 10TH GOD AS YOUR UNYIELDING STRENGTH AND STRONGHOLD

READ Psalm 28:8 "The Lord is their [unyielding] Strength, and He is the Stronghold of salvation to [me] His anointed."

When they journeyed on from one point to the other, He allowed no one to do them harm; indeed, He rebuked the kings for their sakes, says the Scripture. Why? This is because they were His anointed despite their rebellions, not to say rebellion. Hence He decreed: Touch not My

anointed, and do My prophets no harm. Every true believer is not just a prophet but His prophet. Why? This is because we are His mouthpiece; we are His visible touch for His invisible Being. We are His earthly representatives doing His bidding as instructed. God's own anointed are His totally. No one can and could violate their sanctity unless He Himself does this or allows others ordained for same to do this. My father while living had this song that always made him danced offbeat even though he was most lyrical and music literate. The summary of the song is: *I have Jesus as Father. He does not scold me or harm me. As a result no witch or witchcraft can ever be so bold.* I also share this strong belief. In God's hands, no one can harm you. God is the Strongest Shield and Bulwark any can have for his protection. In His arm, I am secure. I have tested this for the last forty years of my conscious knowledge of Him not to talk of the twenty unconscious. You are most blessed in Him if and only if you repose trust absolutely in Him. Why not join me as we hold on tight and strongly to His Power and Might!

PRAY you are under the protective Might of the Lord God Almighty

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 79-80; Romans 11:1-18

AUGUST 11TH SAVE YOUR PEOPLE O LORD GOD AND BLESS AND KEEP THEM

READ Psalm 28:9 "Save Your people and bless Your heritage; nourish and shepherd them and carry them forever."

O Lord God of the heavens; You alone Who formed us all out of Your loving-kindness and Who in Your compassion that passeth human comprehension formed us in Your own image; and not in any other image. I am talking to You this early morning [for I am writing now at exactly at 5.37am] in a manner I had never before now talked to You publicly in writing; Remember You on Your own gave us Your Son; Your only Son Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who now is seated on Your right hand of Righteousness interceding for our good and rightness; Save us from ourselves Father. Just Save us for Your own love for us which You manifested the first time You in conjunction with the other two Personalities of the Godhead when You first conceived our being and creation. Save us unto Yourself Father Lord. You know more than any other that except You save us we are doomed. Even in Your Salvation in Christ Jesus, we are still dumb and blinded even though with ears and eyes. So Save us now as never before. Remember Father, we are Your Heritage; Yours and Yours alone and we cannot on our own do any good for ourselves. But with and in You we are always a winner. Save us Father and Daddy. Keep us from all evil and make Your face shine over us and Me in particular. Save me from myself Daddy. Save me and deliver me from myself and ensure I am who and what You alone has conceived me to be. *IN JESUS MIGHTY NAME AND HOLY POWER I PRAY, AMEN DAD.*

PRAY you will allow God; I myself will allow God my Maker to save me from myself

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 81-83; Romans 11:19-36

AUGUST 12TH WHEN THE NEED ARISES TO CALL YOUR DETRACTORS BRETHREN

READ Acts of the Apostles 22:1 "BRETHREN AND fathers, listen to the defense which I now make in your presence."

I have personally found His Spirit in all the defenses the apostle Paul made before and for His life in him before all his detractors who were committed to murdering him; albeit in accordance to the very purpose of God from before the foundations of the earth. He was humble and loyal to his call. He was not at all agitative. Over and above all, he allowed His Spirit to speak in him. For consider for a moment how he addressed this bunch of murders! He called them fathers even though no father would dare kill his own son even if he committed a heinous crime. He called them brethren. You will recall that the same word was used of us the worst criminals and ingrates in Hebrews when it was said that Christ was never ashamed of us as He called us brethren. But why did the Holy Ghost so allow him to speak and behave? It is that these murderers would have another opportunity to listen to and consider the Scripture from a humane and humble perspective and perhaps would allow themselves to be transformed by the transforming power of the Almighty. And peradventure thy remained stiff necked, then, they would have no excuse at all as they will be doomed by personal choice. This was the same reason why Christ begged forgiveness of God for us as He laid dying on the Cross. The same reason Stephen begged God to forgive his killers. The lesson here is that if we would allow His Spirit, He will always work out His will in our lives. Amen.

PRAY you are led by His Spirit always especially in humbling situations

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 84-86; Romans 12

AUGUST 13TH WHEN YOUR DETRACTORS WILL HEAR YOU IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE

READ Acts of the Apostles 22:2 "And when they heard that he addressed them in the Hebrew tongue, they were all the more quiet. And he continued."

As noted yesterday, if one is not vengeful and is most simple in his arts committing all in the hands of God Who alone determines all things, one would have satisfaction before man and God. Here was the apostle Paul just rescued by the breathe of the arm from imminent death speaking to his would-be-killers in the language of God. How do I mean? Literally, you will know that God spoke to the early Patriarchs who were Hebrews in the Hebrew tongue. They were given the oracle of God which now forms the Old Testament upon which the New Testament was laid. In this way classify I the Hebrew tongue as the language of God. Although not all who came from the bowels of Abraham were of Abraham no doubt; yet, they were all heritages of Abraham even though they chose on their own to extradite themselves. Thus, speaking to them in the language they understood; in the language of the oracles of the Living God; in the language of God was a different matter entirely that got them out of their murderous intent for once. How do you relate to your detractors? Normally, it is natural to want to give back a hot accusation with a hot defense and in a hot language. But allowing the Holy Spirit, His Spirit really to speak and act through one is the best approach. Be magnified in the Grace of the Almighty, amen.

PRAY you are most noble, most conscious; and most submissive to His leadings

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 87-88; Romans 13

AUGUST 14TH WHEN AND WHY JESUS WILL INTRODUCE HIMSELF TO YOU

READ Acts of the Apostles 22:8 "And I replied, Who are You Lord? And He said to me, I am Jesus the Nazarene, Whom you are persecuting."

In this recall and recalling of the apostle Paul of the confrontation he had with the Savior on his way to killing the disciples in Damascus, we see that the Lord God in His might and power yet, humble will always answer the question Who He is whenever posed by whoever. The reason is that He wants all to be saved; that none will perish but all will come into His marvelous Light. You will agree that was the reason He left heaven for the earth and for which He alone paid the price. But why this recitation as it is again to these people? The answer is they were until then like the apostle Paul was before meeting the Lord. So maybe they would soften their hard minds and hearts and allow the transforming power of the Almighty perform the same redemptive work on them. The Scripture is quite clear-any and all who will truly call on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Zion shall be deliverance. The lesson for you and I is never be burdened by the incessant request who is the Lord God but always be ready to go over the explanation of the Grace of God in Christ Jesus. Perhaps at the nick of time, God would touch their stony hearts and grant them mercy. You never can do enough proclaiming the Gospel, His Gospel really to the lost. Amen.

PRAY you are diligent in season and out of season in your dissemination of the Gospel

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 89-90; Romans 14

AUGUST 15TH WHEN LAST DID YOU FALL INTO A TRANCE? WHAT IS IT LIKE?

READ Acts of the Apostles 22:17 "Then when I had come back to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple [enclosure], I fell into a trance (an ecstasy);"

What is falling into an ecstasy like? Have you ever experienced this great divine visitation? You need experience same. For our discussion here today, falling into an ecstasy is simply losing the conscious control of your body including your senses momentarily and being taken to heaven in divine ministration for a revelation as ordered by God. It is ceasing your personal use of your body to the divine for as long as the divine requires. It is not that you can willingly go into trance. No. It doesn't work out that way. The divine initiates and executes same but certainly with your cooperation. Usually it has to be with your cooperation. Occasionally however as in the case when Paul then Saul fell to the ground, it was forced on one. Still heavens and not the sinful man decide on what to do. It is possible and it really occurs that one is in trance for many days without food and drinks. In this case as I have personally experienced on a number of occasions, one is fed with heavenly manna in a dream-like manner. Falling into a trance is the other part of dreaming. Indeed, we can call it a sort of daydreaming in which unlike the normal

dream, your members are made physically active as the visions of God are revealed to you. I pray God will give you an occasion to experience this divine visitation which you will treasure all the days of your life, amen.

PRAY you are in the book of Life so as to regularly inhabit His Temple

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 91-93; Romans 15:1-13

AUGUST 16TH IS IT LAWFUL TO FLOG A MINISTER OF CHRIST UNCONDEMNED?

READ Acts 22:25 "But when they had stretched him out with thongs (leather straps), Paul asked the centurion who was standing by, Is it legal for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned [without trial]?

It is necessary that the apostle Paul testified that he received 39 lashes five times without being condemned as seen in 2 Corinthians 11:24. In Acts of the Apostles just after the ascension of the Lord the apostles all, it is assumed were flogged by the authority, the Sanhedrin for preaching the Gospel. If all these are things not worthy of talking of, what of our Lord Jesus Christ Who was ordered flagellated by Pilate before His execution? So to the question above, it is right and even righteous for the disciples of Christ to be flagellated in the course of their ministration but never lawful so to do. It is right and righteous because God allows it. In some cases, He specifically orders it which we call His decree. If in doubt, read the prophet Isaiah 53 and see what God was pleased to do with the Lamb of God Himself. Inter alia it was reported that it pleased God to bruise Him. In the epistle of the Apostle Paul, it was also noted that God made Him Who knew no sin and Who could never have sinned to be sin of the world. What I am driving at is the truth that in this world of ours and particularly as we minister His Word, we are bound to suffer persecution. But we are admonished to be of good cheers for our Lord God Omnipotent has already conquered the world. Again in the epistle to Timothy the apostle Paul declared exhaustively that indeed all who must live righteous will suffer persecution because the world is opposed to His Righteousness and the world is presently reigning. So beware and be on the watch out please. You are blessed in Him permanently amen.

PRAY you are made ready for giving your all including your life and living for Him when required

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 94-96; Romans 15:14-33

AUGUST 17TH KNOWINGTHE NATURE OF ALL EVIL DOERS

READ Psalm 94:3 "They pour out arrogant words, speaking hard things; all the evildoers boast loftily."

By the nature of the divine, we are made to be humble even in humbling circumstances. We are a sober people but not foolish as people want to classify us. We are lowly as He Himself is. Recollect that though the Lord is Mighty in power, yet He appreciates the lowly but the arrogant and naughty He knows from afar off. In this context, it is in-keeping with the evil nature to speak

great but vain things. In Isaiah 14:12ff, we see Satan arrogantly puffed up promising to raise his throne above that of God Almighty and posing as the lord above God. He speaks things he is never in a position to actualize. The more reason why his incarnate the antichrist at the fullness of time will utter vain and unprintable things against the Lord of lords for so has it been decreed. But alas! He would be brought down to Hades and with him his false prophet as well as the beast and forever they would burn in the unquenchable Lake of fire. So do not be given to vanity. Do not be fooled by the arrogance of evil. Rather be humbled in the overriding and overpowering Might of the Holy Spirit with and by which we are preserved until our final redemption. You are blessed in humility not in arrogance and notoriety. Alleluia.

PRAY you are most humble in spirit the same that will manifest in the physical, alleluia.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 97-99; Romans 16

AUGUST 18TH NOT BEING FOOLISH NOT TO UNDERSTAND GOD IN HIS CREATION

READF Psalm 94:8 "Consider and understand, you stupid ones among the people! And you [self-confident] fools, when will you become wise?"

The Scripture has posited quite most powerfully that the empty headed fool had intoned to himself and in himself as well as to fools like him that there is no God and that things just sprung up on their own. Yet they have never come up with any reason why the springing up has stopped ever since. In the same vein is this piece of Scripture most logical-the empty headed fool has once again intoned that God has no ears, no eyes, and indeed, no senses in the way we have it. As a result, God is not involved at all in our daily existence. But like it is posited here in verse 9 of today's text; how can the Creator of eyes, noses, and ears not posses these features? If these features are alien to Him how came He gave out what He doesn't have or even know about? But we know that we have a Living God Who knows all things and does all things righteous. From Him all comes out and is sustained and all will return to Him at the fullness of time. In the Scripture for instance and in Isaiah 43 and 44 to be specific, He Himself asks if any can and does predict events and bring them to fruition as He alone does. This is never the feature of the man-made gods or god-made man as he considers himself above his creator. But in Isaiah 45:9 we are told that woe, and eternal woe awaits him who strives with His Maker Who is our God. Do you know this much? Let us be knowledgeable in the Lord of Hosts. Amen

PRAY you do not make yourself an empty headed fool after He has created you king and lord

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 100-102; 1 Corinthians 1

AUGUST 19TH KNOWING THE DESTINY OF THE THRONE OF INIQUITY

READ Psalm 94:20 "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with You-they who frame and hide their unrighteous doings under [the sacred name of] law?"

First and foremost, let us establish that iniquity has thrones not just a throne. Iniquity is trespass and trespassing the Laws of God Almighty. God is the Lord and King Who sits enthroned among the Cherubim. For any to trespass His Laws and with impunity such that sin wields, he or she must have a corresponding throne even though fake. It is in this context that Satan parades himself as the king of the world with his own princes. Apart from this, Satan also organizes his kingdom after that of the Almighty the more reason while he also has a fake and falsified trinity of the antichrist, the beast and the false prophet referred to not too long ago in this *Pathfinder* No doubt, when the Bible ascribes a throne to iniquity then it must be understood clearly that there is a throne for same. Nevertheless, we know that all thrones are not righteous, and the mere presence of a fake is an acceptance of the original and genuine. The point is all thrones of deceit will follow their false creator to his destiny of Hades where unquantifiable fire goes on in its full power with sulfurous heat. That will never be your portion in Jesus Mighty and Holy name. We will all be with the King as we reign in His Kingdom with our thrones and priestly garments. Note that presently the 24 elders symbolic of all translated saints each sits on his throne as seen in Revelations 4.

PRAY you are loved by Jesus in His faithfulness and not deceived in satanic lusts

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 103-104; 1 Corinthians 2

AUGUST 20TH TEACHING TRANGRESSORS THE WAY OF THE LORD

READ Psalm 51:13 "Then will I teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted and return to You."

The verse before this talks of restoration in the Holy Spirit, His Spirit really. This is so because no one can teach any anything outside of His Spirit. Recall that two major functions of the Holy Spirit are teaching and reminding. With sins which are left unconfessed and repented from, no one can function in the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Peradventure he can function at all. So if and when we sin and we are convicted we confess and repent, we are restored. Only then can we teach other lawbreakers what we have learnt. For no one can give what he or she does not have. Even before sinning, every teacher of His Word must be versed in the correct and true interpretation and application of His Word. There is no way teaching what one has never mastered. As a matter of fact and divine truth, you can only teach what you yourself have come to master. There is no two ways to this. So when we are not studying with eagerness and doing our uttermost to always show ourselves approved unto God tested by trials and found righteous, how can we courageously teach others? Until we are found approved by and in Him we deceive ourselves if we teach any. Avail yourself of this divine truth and revelation today.

PRAY you show yourself approved unto God a worker of His that is not ashamed at any time.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 105-106; 1 Corinthians 3

AUGUST 21ST WHY GOD MUST HAVE MERCY UPON YOU AND ME

READ Psalm 51:1 "HAVE MERCY upon me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to the multitude of Your mercy and loving-kindness blot out my transgressions."

Without being imprudent let me clearly say at this initial stage that what I mean by must above is nothing of compulsion from the human perspective or angle. Rather, we mean the exploration of the reasons from the divine perspective and this alone why the Almighty, all knowing, and all loving God of the heavens must show mercy on His own creation as He has been doing and will forever be doing till eternity of eternity. God you will remember created us on His own and in His own image. Not even His powerful and mighty angels were so graced. Angels you want to be reminded never ever wear crowns and they would never do. But the twenty four elders who typify the translated saints not only wear crowns but also have each a throne on which they are enthroned as it is. This speaks of our crowning at the end of our sojourn here on earth if we abide in Him to the end. Because we are His creation given dominion by Him and because of the multitude of His mercies which reflects His nature, God cannot but have mercy on you and me. His compassion is borne out of His mercy which never ends. Rather, everyday sees its renewal. Thus for His own sake and sake alone not because of anything we can ever do or has ever done, God will show unquantifiable mercy on you and me. Amen.

PRAY you will not frustrate His mercies over your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 107-109; 1 Corinthians 4

AUGUST 22ND BEING CONSCIOUS OF YOUR TRANSGRESSION

READ Psalm 51:3 "For I am conscious of my transgressions and I acknowledge them; my sin is ever before me."

Perhaps being conscious of one's sin is the first step in seeking repentance after acknowledging it. I say this because why would anybody be conscious of his or her sins? The answer is because the person has been convicted of the Holy Spirit, meaning he is not just born again but is Holy Ghost led. As a result he is in constant touch with Him. Secondly and perhaps no less important is the truth that such a person is well versed or at least is versed in Scripture. It is the Word of God that specifies what is lawful and what is not acceptable to God Himself. If one then acts under any circumstance, at the point when he sits back to reconsider his actions, he is obviously weighing same against the Word of God to see whether it is in line with same. Accordingly, consciousness of one's sin is a major step towards restoration in His Spirit. Next is being able to acknowledge one's sins. They are not the same as one can be conscious of a misdeed and still blame it on others. But one who acknowledges his sins has gone beyond denial. He has indirectly confessed same and unless otherwise stated, he is already on his way to repentance. Whether or not he is able so to do is another matter on its own. But no one will ever come into true repentance who has not first acknowledged his or her sin. I admire the expression of the apostle and King David here-*For I am conscious of my transgressions and I acknowledge them*-May we all be this Holy Spirit filled in His Grace, amen.

PRAY you are this Holy Spirit enlightened always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 110-112; 1 Corinthians 5

AUGUST 23RD GOD DESIRES TRUTH IN OUR INNERSELF

READ Psalm 51:6 "Behold, You desire truth in the inner being; make me therefore to know wisdom in my inmost heart."

What really is truth and how can we meaningfully characterize same? Truth is the quality of being real as opposed falsity. It is being who and what one is. Beyond this however, Truth in Biblical context is personalized in that it is the Godhead we are talking about. In this connection, it is not just being real but it is the only Reality in the universe. In this connection also, it does not change at all; but remains constant always. It is that to which all refers and must reckon with. There is no sitting on the fence when it comes to the Truth. God is Truth because He is, and will so be. He is the only Constance by which all else must be measured and determined. There is no falsehood in Him. On our own part, God Who makes us has infused in us all this quality of being His replica in Truth. We can and we should be truthful by not only acting true but being also the real person we are. We do not and should not fake truth. Our yes should be yes; while our no should be no. We can be wrong even in our being truthful. How do I mean? I can commit wrong but refuse to deny it. I can and would nurse anger against someone based on a premise I consider right only to discover that the premise is faulty. This does not vitiate my being truthful. It is when I deny being wrong even when I am persuaded I am that I am not being truthful. On the divine level, Satan in his adversary is the author of falsehood even though he needs not be this. Finally brethren, let us realize today that God requires truthfulness from our inner being which dictates or should be reflected in our outward being. You are blessed in Him, most affectionately, amen.

PRAY you are a reflection of His Truth in which and with whom you were fashioned

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 113-115; 1 Corinthians 6

AUGUST 24TH BEING SATISFIED IN HIS GLADNESS AND JOY ALONE

READ Psalm 51:8 "Make me to hear joy and gladness and be satisfied; let the bones which You have broken rejoice."

The joy of the Lord as you already know or should know is different and distinct from happiness in that while happiness is empirically motivated; internal joy of the Lord is spiritual and divinely infused. You need not have money or have what it takes to be manly before being amazed in His gladness. Joy of the Lord is also characterized as His gladness is a position of His Strength in us generated by our level of Faith in Him. Accordingly, it is not only gradient but is also hierarchical along the path of faith and faithfulness in Him. Biblically, the Lord's Joy is one of the nine fruits of His Spirit that could and should be generated in any true believer of Him according to the level of Faith. This explains why Jesus on the Cross was not angry against His killers. He realized

they were who they were for their lack of knowledge of God. More than this, He showed them love in place of hatred which they had towards Him. As a result, He had His Joy in Him as He hung thereon and laid His life down joyfully knowing that it is in accordance with the will of the Father. Talking about the will of the Father, it must be understood that being in His will is requisite to having His Joy. How much of His Joy in you is determined by how much of His will you are in. I pray God to let you hear anew today His Joy and Gladness so that all bones broken by Him can so rejoice in His gladness all over again alleluia.

PRAY you are in the Joy of the Lord which is His Strength in you always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 116-118; 1 Corinthians 7:1-19

AUGUST 25TH WHEN HE CREATES IN US A NEW HEART

READ Psalm 51:9 "Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my guilt and iniquities."

For the Lord to always hide His Face from our transgressions, we must be His delight. We cannot be His delight always even after we have come into His Faith unless He first creates in us a new heart of clay and meat as it were so that this replaces our stony hearts that are repugnant to His leadings and teachings. Yes! God does take His Face away from the sins of the Righteous. There is no doubt about this. What we should expound upon is the how of this. When in Psalm 32, it is recorded that the one in whom God imputes no sin and whose transgression is forgiven is blessed, it is to be understood in the final analysis that he is the one upon whom the Lord God has decided to close His eyes upon all His sins. This is what all true believers enjoy because of the finished and substitutionary work of Christ Jesus on the Cross, His Cross really. It is not that we do not sin. No. We do even though in His Perfection we can do without sin and sinning. But because of Christ Jesus, all our sins both already committed and those we would ever commit are already taken away. As a result, when He looks on us, all He sees is the Righteousness of Christ His Son. As a result, we are ever righteous in His sight. Has He created this new heart of obedience in you? Have you allowed Him so to do because He will never ever force His will on you? Please do now and so remain in His Righteousness ever. Amen.

PRAY you are into His Glorious Living and Leading in Jesus our Lord and God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 119:1-88; 1 Corinthians 7:20-40

AUGUST 26TH RESTORATION OF HIS JOY OF SALVATION IN US

READ Psalm 51:12 "Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit."

Whenever a sinner becomes His saint because of professing faith in the finished and substitutionary work of His, He implants in him His Joy. Where a saint persists in sin and sinning without true repentance then it is possible I would say for the saint to be temporarily deprived of His Joy in him. Put another way; God does not delight in sinners who are habitually hardened

in their exploits. Rather He would delight and organize as it were if possible a bash party for the returning sinner who has abandoned his past sinful living. That we are capable of living in sin after we have come into the Faith, His Faith really has He put in place for us the Holy Spirit conviction which will lead us into reunion in His Commonwealth of salvation. Until king and Prophet David gotten into this after the sinning with Bathsheba the wife of his erstwhile commander, he was in pains as he lacked His Joy. This it was that prompted the writing of this wonderful Psalm after having acknowledged his sin and sinning. You need not stay outside His Joy for a moment. Rather, as soon as His Spirit in you convicts you of any sin; and/ or is grieved with you on any grounds, you will do yourself a lot of good to rewind and reexamine where you have fallen and make necessary amend as become imperative. There is no alternative to repentance. You are warned already.

PRAY you will soonest be restored into His Joy of your salvation always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 119:89-176; 1 Corinthians 8

AUGUST 27TH ASCRIBING ALL TO HIS GOODNESS

READ Psalm 29:1 "ASCRIBE TO the Lord, O sons of the mighty, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength."

By definition, to ascribe is to give honor to; in a way it is declaring that one's achievement is traceable to the other. By this I mean we give all reasons for our all particularly our good to the good Lord and God and we meaningfully and truly mean this. When we ascribe as a Scriptural concept, we are acknowledging the power and glory of honor of God Almighty in our all and at the same time denying our own worthiness in our goodness. One reason why God hearkened to the prayer of King Hezekiah was the blaspheming of the Assyrian King who claimed he was all he was by his own power and not by the making of the Lord God long decree even from the foundation of the earth. As a result, 185,000 foot soldiers were slaughtered by an angel of His and when the other soldiers woke up in the morning, these were dead bodies. This is the more reason why those who are versed in His Word will always put all successes to His doings in them as noted by the apostle Paul in Philippians 2:13. Of a truth, it is not just a matter of ascribing glory and honor to the Lord. The truth of the matter is that both Glory and honor are His by right of being God and Lord. If peradventure the unknowing credits us with same, our duty is to promptly and immediately redirect the glory and honor to Who they belong. Doing this regularly will never make you flounder in His sight. Alleluia.

PRAY you are able to see and discern His Righteousness in all you do

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 120-122; 1 Corinthians 9

AUGUST 28TH KNOWING THE LORD WHO ALONE SITS OVER THE DELUGE

READ Psalm 29:10 "The Lord sat as King over the deluge; the Lord [still] sits as King [and] forever!"

Let's do a bit of Semantics or its analysis rather. The deluge in Theological parlance is the flood which is associated with divine judgment. As a result, we talk of the Lucifer's flood referring to the rebellion of Lucifer even before the creation of Genesis 1 as seen in Ezekiel 28:13ff. We also talk of the Noahian deluge which refers to the flood judgment of Noah period. There is going to be the final deluge in which the heavens and the earth will fly away as kites. Sitting over the deluge in normal English Language connotation cannot be anything rather than being Lord over this unnatural phenomenon. By this is meant that God is Lord over the deluge itself. If in doubt, a run quickly through the short Psalm 114 will enlighten you as both the Sea of Reeds and the Jordan River saw the Lord and fell in obedience to His will not to talk of the Mountains skipping like rams and the ground trembling before the Creator of the Universe. In terms of application and relevance, you and I should rest assured that in whatever situation we may find ourselves, God is still Lord of the universe and all things are in His hands. As a matter of divine Truth, nothing chances into existence but He alone determines what is and what is not. To Him then we should give all Glory. Alleluia.

PRAY you are not lagging behind in all Scriptural truths

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 123-125; 1 Corinthians10:1-18

AUGUST 29TH WHY THE LORD WILL GIVE IMPENETRABLE STRENGTH AND PEACE

READ Psalm 29:11 "The Lord will give [unyielding and impenetrable] strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace."

Knowing the Lord God as the Giver of all good things in the universe will help in no small way to understand the underlying meaning of this Psalm and chapter. As the Lord and God of His people whom He loves in an uncanny manner and whom He purchased with the Precious Blood of His Son, it is not too much for Him to bequeath them with all goodness of life requisite to their fulfillment. Thus, when it is asserted here that He will give us an unyielding and impenetrable strength it is to be understood that in whatever we do according to His purpose, we will be impenetrable to our foes. If for instance, being penetrable to our enemies is a way of fulfilling our course, then so be it. This was the case with Joseph in the hands of his brethren. The same happened to the Lord God Whom the God of the heavens bruised and made a sacrifice to the world on the cross. There was no way John the baptizer could have come out alive from the prison of Herod the king when the Lord God had sold him out. But when such a destiny is not His purpose for you, no one may prevail over you. It is His will and purpose that will always come to pass even over those who know Him not. When His will is thus perfected in our lives, then we have His peace like no other. Glory is His name now and forever more, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will know His purpose for your living and let this be your peace in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 126-128; 1 Corinthians 10:19-33

AUGUST 30TH EXTOLLING THE LORD GOD OF YOUR PEACE ALWAYS

READ Psalm 30:1 "I WILL extol You, O Lord, for You have not let my foes rejoice over me."

The fact of life and the truth of God have both shown the frailty of man. Although created and made Lord of His creation, man has been badly exposed to his environment and its subjects ever since the first known human sin in Eden the garden of delight. In transgressing the love and Law of his Maker, man had inevitably exposed himself to the missiles of the devil who deceived him in the first instance to be so badly exposed. There is no way anyone or any creature will be without problems and foes alike once the Laws governing his creation had been violated by him. But Great is the faithfulness of God Almighty as He will never allow any who although a progeny of the first Adam has accepted his limitations in Adam and has sought refuge with the Son by Faith in His finished and substitutionary work of salvation on the Cross. Thus, as we live our course in His power and grace, we will be impenetrable to our foes whoever and whatever they may be and regardless of their formations. For this reason of His over-towering protection over us ought we to always extol Him. Extolling Him in this manner can never be overemphasized. So when last did you do this? When next are you going to give Him another treat along this line? Remain blessed in Him always.

PRAY you are in His perfect knowledge that leads to thorough wisdom in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 129-131; 1 Corinthians 11:1-16

AUGUST 31ST YES GOD IS ANGRY IN HIS PERSON BUT ONLY FOR A MOMENT

READ Psalm 30:5 "For His anger is but for a moment, but His favor is for a lifetime or in His favor is life. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."

Of a truth, the divine truth really, God exercises His Right as Lord and God to be angry. Remember that we are fashioned in His image partly meaning we are a copy of Him in some righteous aspects. There is no denying that truth. Even if the same is not too known to mankind because of his self delusion, the truth of Scripture is that God is angry. But unlike us, He seldom exercises this part of His emotion. The reason for this unparalleled restraint is simple-as the Power and Strength of the entire universe, the need for Him to be cautious is there, otherwise He would destroy what He Himself has made for no one else can be this powerful. This truth is shared throughout Scripture but only the knowing can fish it out. Overtly however, Psalm 2:11ff warns us to be most conscious of His anger for in just one minute of His anger, destruction in an unimaginable proportion is assured. Israel in the wilderness was ill-advised as to incur His anger, and for forty years, they paid the price for this disobedience until they all perished in the wilderness. If that is not so clear to you, remember that we all die today not just for our sins as much as the sin of our progenitor Adam. Thus, all who are Adamic even who have not sinned in the similitude of Adam have this sentence of death hanging on us as the sword of Damocles. So beware, God exercises anger when He needs to.

PRAY you will never be caught in the wrath of the Lord God of the heavens, No. Never!

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 132-134; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

SEPTEMBER 1ST WHEN THE LORD WILL TURN YOUR MOURNING INTO DANCING FOR YOU

READ Psalm 30:11 "You have turned my mourning into dancing for me; You have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness."

God, our God of Ages past and Hope for years to come is the Almighty. As Almighty He is unlimited in His ability to do and undo. In 1 Samuel 2 we are told of His ability to raise one up as He brings the other down. He alone determines who lives and who will forfeit his life. As a result, nothing and I repeat absolutely nothing is difficult or impossible for Him because once He conceives of any and all things, they are as good as fulfilled. Accordingly, whatever your position, or your status now, if you will trust in Him, and thrusts your all upon the Lord, you will be amazed what the Almighty will do with you. If He can make the donkey of Balaam to voice out human speech unhindered, and turned the naughty king into a monkey eating grass for seven seasons, you tell me what He cannot do? Lazarus was already stinking in decay; yet at the Word of the Lord Jesus the Nazarene, he came back to life. What is it that you are bothered about? Turn it all to Jesus today and you will be a living testimony like Hannah and the three Hebrew slaves in the furnace. Yours cannot and will not be different. All you have to do is to wait completely upon His Word. It is well with you and me as we trust on His Word. Amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in the Living Lord God of the Ages past, the Hope for years to come

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 135-136; 1 Corinthians 12

SEPTEMBER 2ND O LORD MY GOD I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOU

READ Psalm 30:12 "To the end that my tongue and my heart and everything glorious within me may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever."

Some salient points need be highlighted in this text set apart for analysis today. First is the fact that there are some things glorious in us part of which are listed here as our tongues and hearts. To this I concur without any reservation. Another is the fact that we can make some of our actions glorious. One of this is refusing to remain silent when it comes to testimonials. This is so because one of the weapons to beat down Satan any day is testifying to His Works in us. Thus, when we sing the praises of the Lord as opposed to the self or others, we are involved in glorious acts. Of course, if we can make things glorious, we can at the same time make things inglorious. However, our concern today is about things made glorious. As humans, we are the glory of the Lord in His image as His kingly creation. In the same manner, the woman is the glory of the man as his reflection. Any time we bring God glory by our obedient living, we are glorious as opposed to bringing Him anything but glory. Having said this, the point today is we are all made in His Glory as we manifest Him and live obediently to and His will. As long as we live in Him daily, we bring Him glory as people see His workings in us. The point is how much of this do

I allow myself to do to the Lord daily? I am capable of being His glory. In like manner I am also capable of refusing to be His Glory. Which one will I make myself to be today and always?

PRAY you will live Him gloriously every day of your life, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 137-139; 1 Corinthians 13

SEPTEMBER 3RD LIVING BEFORE GOD PERFECTLY

READ Acts of the Apostles 23:1 "THEN PAUL, gazing earnestly at the council (Sanhedrin), said, Brethren, I have lived before God, doing my duty with perfectly good conscience until this very day [as a citizen, a true and loyal Jew]."

While it is immodest to praise the self, it is quite acceptable to access one's stand and standing in the Lord and to state categorically how His Spirit finds one. Here is one instance of the apostle Paul. Our Lord and Savior was also so involved when in Proverbs 8:22ff He notes His Being from everlasting; when nothing was, and how He was the Delight of the Father as a good Worker bringing Him joy on a daily basis. In his second epistle to Timothy, the apostle Paul also scored himself high in the Lord when he notes that he Paul has kept the faith; that he has fought a good fight, and that he has finished his course as he looks forward to his glorious crown. Before this he has in his second epistle to the Corinthians also listed his workings in the Lord as he notes how many times he has been flogged for the Lord; how many times he had been drowned for Him; how many times he had been stoned to death; and how many times he had suffered shipwreck. In this he concludes he was worth more than his detractors. Also in the same book, he notes how the Holy Spirit has ordained him as the greatest of all the apostles a position in which God has worked in him more than any other. So what is your boasting in the Lord howbeit righteously? What is my boasting in Christ the Nazarene? It is good I know this now before it is too late.

PRAY you are led to boasting righteously in the workings of God in and through you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 140-142; 1 Corinthians 14:1-20

SEPTEMBER 4TH STIRRING A GREAT UPROAR AMONG YOUR ADVERSARY

READ Acts of the Apostles 23:9 "Then a great uproar ensued, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' party stood up and thoroughly fought the case, [contending fiercely] and declaring, We find nothing evil or wrong in this man. But if a spirit or an angel [really] spoke to him-? Let us not fight against God."

Stirring confusion among your adversary is as biblical as it is Scriptural. In Genesis 11, God Almighty used the same approach when He summoned the Personality of the Godhead to come and let them confuse the language of the human kind. From thence, mankind had had different and differing languages. One consequence of this is that even today, humanity cannot talk in one voice. There is and there will be a divided view to say the least. And as there is no

uniformity amongst your detractors, they are greatly weakened and cannot talk in uniformity. This is always to your advantage. If God uses this weapon, I pray all your adversaries fall under the confusing tendency of the Almighty. This was the situation as the apostle Paul was beginning his defense before the Sanhedrin. Noticing the polarization of the council trying him, I want to believe he was led by God to proclaim the fact of his being before coming into the Faith. Thus, he threw their unity to the abyss as he proclaimed he was a Pharisee. The Pharisee you want to know professes the existence of angels and belief in resurrection why the Sadducees deny these. May all your detractors be brought down to shame in confusion today in Jesus Name, amen.

PRAY you never come into confusion all the days of your life again, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 143-145; 1 Corinthians 14:21-40

SEPTEMBER 5TH GOD IS ABOUT TO STRIKE YOUR WHITEWASHED WALL

READ Acts of the Apostles 23:3 "Then Paul said to him, God is about to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Do you sit as a judge to try me in accordance with the Law, and yet in defiance of the Law you order me to be struck?"

There is no doubt this sounds imprecatory. Yes it is. There is no reason on earth and in heaven as well why you can't be imprecatory as long as you are Spirit led. What is imprecatory? By imprecatory is meant cursing particularly your enemy. Before you start to say things you are little equipped about, let me ask you the first occurrence of imprecatory verse in Scripture. You will see that it is in Genesis and used by no less a Person than God Almighty Himself when He was forced to curse the Adams after their fall which leads us all to where we are now. Before this, He first cursed the ground from which they were brought forth. If God in His Might and Power could do this, you are not immuned from same; you are so empowered by and in Him so to do; only that you must be Spirit led. The apostle and King David used a lot of this. Perhaps more than any Bible personality largely because he was persistently in throes and had the opportunity to write down his feelings and workings with the Lord. Job and the prophet Jeremiah had to curse the days of their birth. This is another aspect of the imprecatory. However, have you ever noticed that God's dealing with His enemies is largely imprecatory? Look at it from this way. When God blesses you and promises to shame your enemies, if we classify your own as His blessing, what is the portion of your enemy? It is not even good to bless unless you are so led by His Spirit. So the issue is being led always. Remain blessed in His Grace.

PRAY God will arise today, indeed now and scatter all your foes, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 146-147; 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

SEPTEMBER 6TH WHEN THE LORD WILL STAND BY YOU THE VERY FOLLOWING NIGHT

READ Acts of the Apostles 23:11 "And [that same] following night the Lord stood beside Paul and said, Take courage, Paul, for as you have borne faithful witness concerning Me at Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome."

When was the last time the Lord stood by you and for what reason? I am talking of practical vision-where and when God appears to you either in the similitude of your pastor or of someone you greatly revere? Yes! God does and still stands before His own today as much as yesterday and reassures them. For instance I was in a vision of the night In the last forty eight hours in which I was with and indeed beside a powerful and leading man of God of our time in which he too was in the company of other men of God who are now translated in which they were ministering in a crusade-like environment. I know from experience it was God the Father appearing to me in the similitude of this powerful and true man of God who is revered more than any other perhaps in our time. When last do you have such an experience? It could be you are in a strait and while the enemy of your soul almost made a mince meat of you, your pastor, prophet, or someone in his similitude appears to rescue you. I can tell you, it is not your pastor or whoever. It is truly the heavenly being sent to minister to you. I want you to be more careful and watchful of your dreams. There is the message of God always in them. Yet, they require divine interpretation to avoid unnecessary confusion.

PRAY you are spiritually alert to His workings in you always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 148-150; 1 Corinthians15:29-58

SEPTEMBER 7TH WHEN YOUR ENEMIES BOUND THEMSELVES IN UNRIGHTEOUS OATH AGAINST YOU

READ Acts of the Apostles 23:14 "And they went to the chief priests and elders, saying, We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath and under a curse not to taste any food until we have slain Paul."

Without much ado, you need not lose your sleep when the unrighteous perfect their nefarious acts. The prophet Balaam whom many believe was a diviner as well should have taught all that no one can curse him whom the Lord has blessed and when God has cursed anyone, only the Lord God Himself can overturn this. No enchantment can affect Israel. You are more than Israel because you are a Jesus Christ the Lord and God. So be of good cheers. It is well with you. In the text of today, the unrighteous ganged up together against the Lord and His anointed of whom you are one. Like Haman did against Mordecai in these days. God in His simplicity did not even bother Mordecai but merely fought His own fight Himself. You are of the Lord God. Any who will attack you unrighteously attacks the Lord God Himself. If any had ever defeated Him in the past, then you could be bothered. But if this has never been the case and will never so be, rest assured in Him that you are well protected in His Grace. This is the assurance I am led to give you this day of the Lord God the same that is true of all other days of your living. Remain blessed in Him permanently, amen.

PRAY you are glorified in the assurance of the Lord God Almighty Himself

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 1-2; 1 Corinthians 16

SEPTEMBER 8TH FINDING OUT KNOWLEDGE AND DISCRETION IN WISDOM, GOD'S REALLY

READ Proverbs 8:12 "I, Wisdom [from God], make prudence my dwelling, and I find out knowledge and discretion."

In Theological parlance and the study of symbolism, all know that Wisdom is a synonym for Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Accordingly, if any is of Him, he or she should be led and taught by His way the same which is the way of the Lord Almighty. According to today's text, the Lord Jesus professes making prudence His habitation. So what is prudence or what is it to be prudent? To be prudent is to be sensible enough to be careful of yourself such that you avoid unnecessary risk or risks. It is being careful to put it straight. Another synonym for carefulness is watchfulness. Jesus stressed this much for us in Scripture an example of which is Matthew 24:25. But for whatever reason Satan has never allowed a great majority of us to be watchful at all not to talk of being watchful enough. We pray and quite rightly too. But something is more important than praying even in tongues. It is being watchful. If Christ Jesus was most watchful which is what prudence means, why not you and I in the same token? It is in being prudent that Jesus found knowledge and discretion. Of course being discreet is the same as being prudent. I urge you in the Mighty and Everlasting Name of the Lord to be most prudent in your dealings. Forgiveness for instance does not signify fellowship with one you have forgiven of his betrayal. You will not be caught napping in Jesus Name amen.

PRAY you are most noble in prudence and hard work to His Glory

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 3-3-5; 2 Corinthians 1

SEPTEMBER 9TH THE WORSHIPFUL FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE HATRED OF EVIL

READ Proverbs 8:13 "The reverent fear and worshipful awe of the Lord [includes] the hatred of evil; pride, arrogance, the evil way, and perverted and twisted speech."

Another perspective to the reverent and worshipful awe of the Lord is the hatred of evil. What does this mean? In other words, what does hating the evil people and evil in general have in common with fearing the Lord reverently? The answer of course is that one who truly and faithfully fears the Lord God His Maker cannot at the same time romanticize with evil doing or doers. There is no way this can be the situation as both are mutually exclusive. There is no way you will claim to love God truly and at the same time love Satan His arch enemy. As Jesus Christ has noted in His earthly ministration, there is no way a single servant can meaningfully serve two masters. It is either he is in love with one truly or in true hatred with the other. One who reverently fears and reveres the Lord is not immuned to sin. He is not held captive to same at the same time. He does sin. But when he does this, he comes to God on conviction of the Holy Spirit that indwells him. If one continues in evil unrestrained and claims to love the Lord, he

deceives himself not the Lord or HIS TRUE CHURCH. So come out today and let me know who your friend is in terms of obedience and I will tell you who really you are.

PRAY you are true in your profession of Faith to the Lord God Who knows your all

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 6-7; 2 Corinthians 2

SEPTEMBER 10TH WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN THE LORD?

READ Proverbs 8:14 "I have counsel and sound knowledge, I have understanding, I have might and power."

Here is Wisdom as defined yesterday making a sound pronouncement. Let us examine same today. Counsel and knowledge, what do they mean? What is counsel, and what is knowledge? Counsel simply means the will of God. Seeking same and coming into possession of same such that in everything one embarks upon, one is sure one is in line with His will is the most appropriate thing to do always. Knowledge is what it claims to be. Once you have His counsel, which is His decree and purpose for your being, then you are knowledgeable. Then you are in the know of what is required of you. Then it is most difficult for you to veer off the road of righteousness. There is no doubt that one who is in the counsel of the Almighty, who is knowledgeable in Him is also in His understanding. Understanding is the knowhow of a particular thing. It is being in mastery of His revelation for you doing what He has ordered for you when and how it is ordered and where also at the same time. This knowledgeable understanding is your power in the Lord. The extent of your stay in His counsel; in His knowledge and in His understanding is the extent of your power and strength in Him. So how powerful and strong are you in the Lord God of the heavens? You are blessed in Him alleluia.

PRAY you are progressively strengthened in the Lord God your Savior always, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 8-9; 2 Corinthians 3

SEPTEMBER 11TH SEEKING THE LORD EARLY AND DILIGENTLY IN LOVE

READ Proverbs 8:17 "I love those who love me, and those who seek me early and diligently shall find me."

To love the Lord is to crave for Him. Craving for Him is desiring and wanting Him. Desires we all know are related to our emotions which are our real beings which sometimes we lose control over. This is why self control is one of the fruits of the Spirit, indeed, the last. Thus, when we desire the Lord, we go all out sparing nothing to look for Him. In finding Him is our desire met. There is no doubt that God loves us and passionately. Two, He first loves us and shows us love and even teaches us what love is. Whether we master same or not is another ball game all together. Having been taught to love Him, seeking and finding Him appropriately is then contingent on our reciprocal love of Him. Accordingly, all who will genuinely seek the Lord as the prophet Isaiah has admonished in his book 55:6 will see Him as they find Him readily in His

Temple. Those who will delay seeking Him out of no love or half heartedly will definitely not find Him. But what is finding the Lord? To find the Lord after seeking Him in love and diligently is to come into His understanding on that particular instance and occasion. Jesus sought and found the Lord in Gethsemane not by having His way but being convinced and convicted of the overriding need of the will of the Lord to prevail over all others. You too can benefit from truly loving Him and diligently coming into His understanding. This is the message of the Lord for you this hour.

PRAY you will love the Lord most diligently always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 10-12; 2 Corinthians 4

SEPTEMBER 12TH FINDING RICHES, HONOR AND ENDURING WEALTH

READ Proverbs 8:18 "Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness (uprightness in every area and relation, and right standing with God)."

What the entire world goes out looking for in the wrong way and all of the lives is after all with the Lord our God in company or in accompaniment with His salvation. So why labor assiduously in vain and for the wrong thing and in the wrong way? Of a truth, Scripture, particularly Ecclesiastes teaches that wealth does not abide for life as it will like the eagle fly away after developing wings. For this reason also does the throne never endures for all generations. This much I strongly believe in until today. But here is the good news. You can be in the wealth of the Lord that has no sorrow in that it is of God and is given to fulfill His purpose in one's life and is enduring if one waits on the Lord. It is a matter of waiting. Even though one can be born in wealth, and the enduring one of the Lord, yet, one needs to wait to actualize his own portion of same and to be able to put same into divine use as purposed. You need not be a pauper in life any more, nor do you have to go into money making rituals. All you need is to come to Christ Jesus truly and know Him as He will come to know you. Having done this, you wait on Him not just waiting for wealth. But sincerely waiting on Him doing all He will prompt you to do in His name and honor. Then and only then at the appropriate time which is His appointed time and timing, He will enlarge you the same that will ensure your health, wealth, and fulfillment in Him which will eternalize your name in His. Amen.

PRAY you come into His enduring wealth and health today and permanently reside therein

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 13-15; 2 Corinthians 5

SEPTEMBER 13TH WALKING IN THE WAY OF SPIRITUAL AND MORAL RECTITUDE

READ Proverbs 8:20 "I [Wisdom] walk in the way of righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation), in the midst of the paths of justice."

Glory is God for His usual but unusual leading always to those who truly profess Faith in Him and His Son Jesus the Nazarene. I have benefitted tremendously in this regards, so much that I

wonder what I would have been able to do without His leading. Great is the Lord God Almighty always in all that He does and accomplishes in the lives of His faithful. In respect of this manifestation of testimonial, let us see how we can actually characterize walking in righteousness which in this version of Scripture is interpreted to mean walking in both spiritual and moral rectitude. To walk in righteousness is first to have come into His righteousness by Faith and nothing else. Not by works at all. It is freely given in Christ the Nazarene. Then one waits in same or abides rather as one grows in same. So how do I grow in the Lord as become appropriate? Just as one cannot grow physically without appropriate feeding and dieting as become appropriately balanced, in the same way, one must eat His Flesh and daily too drink His Blood which are both one and the same thing-the Word of God-both written and spoken. As a matter of urgency and necessity, one must avail oneself of a Bible program at least that ensures reading and studying the Bible once a year. Two will be fantastic. Reading Devotionals particularly of the Ministry in which you are planted and any other two will be very okay. Then comes prayer, fasting, attending revivals and crusades and above ALL, being led daily by His Spirit. This then is the beginning of growth in Him until He takes you over fully by Himself and for Himself.

PRAY to know and come into Him as never before in your life and living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 16-18; 2 Corinthians 6

SEPTEMBER 14TH INHERITING HIS RICHES AND HAVING YOUR TREASURIES FILLED

READ Proverbs 8:21 "That I may cause those who love me to inherit [true] riches and that I may fill their treasuries."

Some two days ago, we examine the truth of coming into His riches. Today we want to complement what we have been led in His Spirit to pen down. Walking in His Righteousness and not in ours or any other person's is the panacea to inheriting His riches which are truly the real and righteous riches in Their eternity and Their very purpose of giving. If one comes into His Faith but fails to walk in His Righteousness choosing to have it his own way, there is no way one can abide and where you do not abide, there is no guarantee of salvation in you. Rather, perdition is guaranteed. Just as one can and does not bequeath inheritances to one who is not of one, in like manner, there is no way God will put His riches in your care if and when you fail to walk and work in His Righteousness. Walking in His Righteousness which we have earlier classified as moral and spiritual rectitude means following His precepts to the letters regardless of what it is going to cost one. Abraham did just this when he sent away the slave boy and his mother into only God knew where and later was prepared to offer Isaac the only Promised Child as offering unto the same God and Lord. He never knew he was being tested or that He would halt his hands. Yet he abided in Him. You and I will need to abide no less to inherit His all. They are already made for those who will abide to the end. So do please and actualize your inheritance.

PRAY you are in absolute and total obedience in Him and His way

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 19-21; 2 Corinthians 7

SEPTEMBER 15TH HAVING THE WRONG PERSPECTIVE OF FAITHING IN JESUS THE NAZARENE

READ Luke 12:13 "Someone from the crowd said to Him, Master, order my brother to divide the inheritance and share it with me."

For the umpteenth time, I want to stress the truth that coming into the Faith that is of and in Jesus the Nazarene is not for money making or solving of the many myriad problems of the world. No. This is never the purpose of His call unto His salvation. For just one reason we are called-salvation which is freedom from the consequences of sin and sinning both in this world and those to come. This is why He admonished us severally in His Word to seek first His own Kingdom and His Righteousness. Thereafter, other things will be added ex-gratia. The Bible is replete of those who are righteously rich in His Faith. Abraham the father of Faith as well as Isaac who inherited him to Jacob the beloved were all rich in almost everything. This is not to overlook the unparalleled riches and wealth of Joseph who had all the riches and wealth of Egypt in his hands even as a slave in that country. Solomon is also there and before him his father David the blessed. We also have many of His prophets and patriarchs who had to rely on crumbs to live. Elijah the prophet had the widow of Zarephaht; just as Elisha severally had to rely on His miraculous to survive. What of Lazarus who died in penury and the worst of ill health! The list is endless. The point is the only reason to come into the Faith, His Faith really is to bear one's cross and follow after Him. Riches and wealth He will give if and only if it is apportioned for one from eternity beginning. You are most blessed in Him permanently, amen.

PRAY you are not deceived about the very purpose of His salvation

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 22-24; 2 Corinthians 8

SEPTEMBER 16TH GUARDING AND KEEPING YOURSELF AGAINST ALL COVETEOUSNESS

READ Luke 12:15 "And He said to them, Guard yourselves and keep free from all covetousness (the immoderate desire for wealth, the greedy longing to have more); for a man's life does not consist in and is not derived from possessing overflowing abundance or that which is over and above his needs."

We are not just to come to the Faith that is Jesus. Over and above this, we are to grow in the Faith as we live by the Rules of the Almighty governing such lives and living. One of such is the one above. The young man who ordered the Lord as it were to command his brother to share inheritance with him cannot be said not to know the Lord, otherwise why came he to His teaching! Even if he knew not the Lord, he had heard of Him no doubt and witnessed His miracles in all probabilities. But he had his own agenda. This is where you and I come in. Christianity is not a religion of personal agenda. Far from this, it is the religion of faithing in the Lord God Almighty and living by and in His decrees. It is a religion of total submission to God as we bear our own cross and follow after Him. Whatever has been purposed for us must certainly

come to pass and we are to live for His Glory. So, wanting to use His Faith to settle personal scores cannot be of the Faith. Many of us have our own hidden agenda either out of lack of His true knowledge or refusal to live according to His rules. Whatever may be our reasons, the truth is that Christianity is a yoke borne by all its adherents in the power of the Holy Spirit. Where are you in all these?

PRAY you are in the Lord for service and nothing else. Alleluia, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 25-26; 2 Corinthians 9

SEPTEMBER 17TH WATCHING OUT AGAINST THE I, I, AND I ALONE SYNDROME

READ Luke 12"18 "And he said, I will do this: I will pull down my storehouses and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain or produce and my goods."

In this simple and short text taken from the parable commonly termed the rich fool conservatively, we see the nature of man in his carnality-man without the thought and faith in God Almighty. He is foolish and he is an empty headed fool. Stylistically, we see his greed in his use of personal pronouns in this one verse. For instance there are six uses of the personal pronouns here. *I* is employed thrice, while *my* is also thrice employed. The concern is towards the self totally oblivious of the nature of life in its uncertainties. There is no consideration of God Who created him. No thought of the power behind his ground bringing forth plentifully. As a matter of fact, he never considered today which was yet spent. Rather his thought was towards tomorrow and days later. Little wonder then he never lived to see the days beyond today. You and I are more like this even when we profess faith in the Lord. If indeed we profess faith in the Lord, then our focus must be on the Lord. Assuming our ground has brought forth this much, the next thing to do in the faith is to wait on Him Who has so blessed us to instruct on its faithful and appropriate use. It should not be otherwise. But since we only come into the Faith as a camouflage for our selfishness, it is little surprise that we are this exposed. Faith in God and consider how you will fulfill His purpose for your creation. Live for God and not unto yourself, and it will be well with you perpetually, amen.

PRAY you will live selflessly in His Grace always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 27-29; 2 Corinthians 10

SEPTEMBER 18TH NOTING GOD'S RESPONSE TO THE BIG FOOL

READ Luke 12:20 "But God said to him, You fool! This very night they [the messengers of God] will demand your soul of you; and all the things that you have prepared, whose will they be?"

As much as it is desirable for us to plan our lives in His Faith, it is more important to provide for our heavenly home as well. A planless living is worst than living out of the Faith. Yet, more stupid is living without heavenly consideration. There is no way you will plan for your soul without coming into the Faith. The *soulish* living as I call it is not physical nor is it mundane. It

cannot be accessed physically. Instead, it is a matter of faith and faithful living. Any who is living unto himself as denoted in this miracle is a fool and a big one really. A fool in Scriptural term is one who is devoid of the true knowledge of God either in his denial of His existence or ascribing loss of interest in the working of the universe to Him. How can one create this universe in vain? How can one bring into existence this massive world of ours not to talk of other planets and then abandon same? Didn't our own little reason teach us of the need for aims and objectives in all that we do? Has anything come into existence even in our physical world without an inventor? Wouldn't the inventor create according to his own intent and purpose of use? Why not use the same simple reason to fathom the earth at least? It is my considered opinion the same that is God driven that we come to terms with the truth of the Savior. You are blessed in Him absolutely. Amen.

PRAY you are not a fool by design or by accident or both

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 30-31; 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

SEPTEMBER 19TH IN WHOM DOES YOUR TRUST LIE?

READ Psalm 31:1 "IN YOU , O Lord do I put my trust and seek refuge; let me never be put to shame or [have my hope in You] disappointed; deliver me in Your righteousness!"

Let me pose the question again: in whom do your trust, hope and your all lie? Is it in man or in angels? In idols or in manmade gods of yesterday, today, or days to come? Or perhaps your hope lies in yourself, your peers, your spouse, in your wealth, health or other mundane and transient things? Where really is your hope and trust? Put it another way, who exactly is your hope? To those of us who have found Jesus the Nazarene or who have been found by Him and are kept by Faith in Him in His Grace, our hope lies in God Who alone formed the universe. But why? I would also counter-question you, why not? If you have the right to trust in vanities, why deny me of the same right to trust not in vanity? If you exercise your right in favor of your choice why deny me the same rightful exercise of mine? Doesn't respect beget respect? Besides all these use of Semantics, does it make any sense to trust on anything that is not enduring; that is not everlasting; that is transient, fluid, and temporal? Does it make any sense to trust in your economy, your finances, your expertise in this day of misfortunes and economic woes? Does it make any sense at all? Certainly, in that you do not know how you are formed or have any choice as to where you were born or who gave birth to you; in the sense that you have no say as to when, how and where you die and after death where and how you are interned when One Who commands the starry hosts and calls them by their names as given to them by Him remains eternal; when He Who alone determines all else is, without being determined by any is there, you do yourself unimaginable harm when you refuse to put your trust in any-else apart from Him. Please repent today and Faith in Jesus Christ amen.

PRAY you are as trusting in the Lord as no one else

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ecclesiastes 1-3; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

SEPTEMBER 20TH FOLLOWING UP IN YOUR TRUSTING HIM

READ Psalm 31:5 "Into Your hands I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me; O Lord, the God of truth and faithfulness."

Coming into the Faith while putting your trust in Him is not the end and cannot so be; rather it is just the beginning of a journey that will never ever terminate. It is the conscious start of a partnership that will never end. Conscious in the sense that it is quite possible that you have been covenanted to Him in His Faith before your conception and birth by either or both of your parents as in the case of Samuel the Seer. In that case when you decide to consciously continue in that journey of communion in and with Him, you are only strengthening what has being in place. Peradventure this was not the case, you begin that communion when you repose confidence in Him and you start to trust Him for your all. We are not saying you lie idle while expecting Him to eat for you; bath you, and do your household chores for you. No. You are yourself. But you will embark on nothing without first inquiring of Him using His Written Word as yardstick. Where you make mistakes and sin, you faithfully acknowledge this as you retract yourself. Then when you are in joy, you give credit to Him for being your Source. And when trials and persecutions come as they certainly will, not just once or twice but as ordained by Him as you fulfill your course, you call on Him and await His deliverance. When eventually death will come for it will certainly visit all until he himself is terminated, you call upon Him and commit your spirit and soul to Him as your body goes into Sheol. You are blessed permanently in Him, amen.

PRAY you are totally yielded in Him all your life and living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ecclesiastes 4-6; 2 Corinthians 12

SEPTEMBER 21ST NOT PAYING REGARD TO VAIN IDOL BUT LEANING ON GOD MOST HIGH

READ Psalm 31:6 "[You and] I abhor those who pay regard to vain idols; but I trust in, rely on, and confidently lean on the Lord."

A lot of people of the world vainly pay regard to all that are manmade idols directly and indirectly. Some choose to seek refuge from transient and temporal things. Some turn themselves into thin gods. Yet, many others through carefree attitude make themselves free thinkers largely for laziness and noncommittal to religiosity. The truth however is any who pay lip service to the worship and praise of the Almighty is dead while still living. Going to church outside of a pure heart to serving the Lord is akin to sitting on a keg of gunpowder. It is just a matter of time before same is exploded and the person consumed. One who knows and worships God whole-heartedly cannot ever pay regard to those who are false in their profession of faith to the Lord. Psalm 15 clearly notes that before whom a vain person is condemned and he does not regard any who is false. These are the attributes of a true follower of the Lord. Others who do otherwise cannot be truly said to be of the Lord. So where are you posted on this

all important issue? Do you regard vain persons or do you stand out of the crowd as you serve the Lord in all righteousness never minding the implications? The Lord be praised in your life.

PRAY you are in the truth of the Lord Almighty all the time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ecclesiastes 7-9; 2 Corinthians 13

SEPTEMBER 22ND SAVE ME FOR YOUR MERCY'S SAKE AND IN YOUR LOVING-KINDNESS

READ Psalm 31:16 "Let Your face shine on Your servant; save me for Your mercy's sake and in Your loving-kindness."

In truth and the whole truth really, there is no one worthy of the salvation of God in Christ Jesus. If this were not to be so, there would have been no need for the Savior to presently mediate on our behalf after entrusting us to the Holy Spirit, His Spirit really. The truth is we are saved by Grace, His Grace really and we are so preserved. On our own, we are worth nothing. Are you not surprised that Moses was hindered almost from making heaven when Satan fought Michael for his dead body as recorded in Jude? Yet His Grace alone saved him. Many of the sins Satan would have counted against him included but not limited to murder if not murders; quick anger; and refusing to do as instructed in the water of Meriba. Anyone of these was sufficient to qualify one for hell. But this would not have been gracious if one makes heaven by his own good deeds. No. Making heaven is purely in His Grace even after coming into the Faith. Being in the Faith alone does not guarantee this. Otherwise Judas Iscariot who was numbered among the twelve and who received his own portion of His power like others would have been there today. But alas! He is in hell fire for he made nonsense of His Grace. He frustrated same as become usual of a person of his caliber. I pray you and I will be saved and preserved in His Mercy now and forever more, amen.

PRAY you and I are aware of the full worth of our salvation-Grace of the Father in the Son, His Son really

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ecclesiastes 10-12; Galatians 1

SEPTEMBER 23RD I SAID IN MY HASTE AND ALARM, I AM CUT OFF

READ Psalm 31:22 "As for me, I said in my haste and alarm, I am cut off from before Your eyes. But You heard the voice of my supplications when I cried to You for aid."

I have not found a panacea for expressing human failing emotions apart from being fully immersed in the Holy Spirit. In my sixty one years of existence in which I have spent at least forty consciously in the Faith, I have never seen any who has been able to overcome human emotions outside of being totally, fully, and absolutely immersed and drowned in the Holy Spirit. The more portion of the Holy Spirit one takes into oneself; or better put, one allows to come upon one, the more of the spiritual one is especially in turbulent times. It is natural for us to express our humanity in our carnal expression. But the truth is such expressions rather than

solve the situation aggravate same and lead to health challenges. This is the scientific fact. Besides, the just, meaning the faithful shall always live by faith, their faith in God really. This explains why the apostle and prophet Job was able to thank God in worship after all the evils that came upon him excusing the Lord of any evil and totally submitting to His will. It wasn't easy nor did he feign his response. It came from the rudiment of his faith and faithing in the Lord. David too was able to encourage himself in the Lord when all spoke of stoning him as seen in 1 Samuel 30. He foresaw the truth that only God is when all else fails and only He saves and delivers where all else fails. In Gethsemane, the Author and Finisher of our Faith expressed His personal human feelings. This was not wrong any way. He said it the way He felt. But His anointing made Him submit to the overriding will of the Father. So do I now and forever more. This is today's message. Amen.

PRAY the Lord God sees you through as you allow Him dominance in your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Song of Solomon 1-3; Galatians 2

SEPTEMBER 24TH LOVING THE LORD GOD ALL YE SAINTS

READ Psalm 31:23 "O love the Lord, all you saints! The Lord preserves the faithful, and plentifully pays back him who deals haughtily."

How does one love the Lord God Almighty Who is not seen at all? Or better put, how can one love Him truly? The answer is not farfetched. To love the Lord and to keep loving Him is to first come into the Faith, His Faith really and thereafter commit His Words into heart by first learning them through constant interaction with the Word. It is interaction and not just studying because if it were just mere study, it would soon fizzle away. But with interaction, the Word penetrates through one's being as one allows oneself always to go in through same thus making a perfect match and blend. Thereafter, when the time comes to use the appropriate Word as situationally expedient, one is not shortsighted of the appropriate thing. Over and above that His Spirit in one would assist one as one struggles to obey. The more obedient one is, the more convenient it becomes for one to love Him further. Thus, we appropriate God's love by our level of obedience the same that comes forth through constant interaction in and with His Word. Not to love Him is to be haughty the same that is tantamount to pride. This inevitably leads to plentiful unpalatable pay back from the Lord. Come into His love and loving today in Jesus Mighty and Holy Name, amen.

PRAY you are in His love as perfectly as He has ordained for you, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Song of Solomon 4-5; Galatians 3

SEPTEMBER 25TH BEING CONTINUALLY BLESSED IN HIS FORGIVENESS

READ Psalm 32:1 "BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) is he who has forgiveness of his transgression continually exercised upon him, whose sin is covered."

The blessing being put forward here or being analyzed belongs only to those who are already in the Faith of the Lord because of the finished works of salvation of Jesus the Nazarene. There is no two ways to it. If you are out of His Commonwealth available to all but actualized only by those who will put their trust in Him, you have forgiveness of sin continually exercised in your favor. What does this mean and how can one benefit there from even after coming into the Faith? What this means is that as a saint in Him, each time you sin consciously or otherwise, His Spirit in you convicts you of the sin and prompts but doesn't force you to ask for forgiveness after acknowledging your sinfulness. You can activate the process by acknowledging your sin and seeking forgiveness which is readily available. Then comes repentance which is making a total U turn from sinning that particular sin. This done, you are blessed in that it is reckoned for you as if you had never committed that sinful act for Jesus sake only. You have a clean slate. Peradventure death comes thereafter; there is no more record of that sinful act again and against your person. There is no limit to doing this. As long as you are in the Faith, and for as long as you sin, the Grace of His is there abundantly. This is the essence of His Faith-to keep you from the blemishes of sin and its repercussions. Amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in Him permanently, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Song of Solomon 6-8; Galatians 4

SEPTEMBER 26TH INITIAL CONSEQUENCES OF NON-CONFESSION

READ Psalm 32:3 "When I kept silence [before I confessed], my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long."

The Grace of God does not in any way shield us from confessing our sins. As a matter of divine truth, it compels us to confess. To confess is to own up and restate before an elder matured enough to handle the confession what one has done. In some other case, one confesses direct to God as the need arises. We can't explore all the necessities of confession here at this point. But one thing is clear, confession is saying it out from within one's heart that which one has done in secret. Failure to doing this as become appropriate opens one up to endless pains that are unnecessary and avoidable. But the pains of non-confession are mutually exclusive to confession. Once you confess, you are shielded from the pains. But when you choose not to confess you have chosen to bear the pain which is most excruciating most of the time. This was the experience of king and Prophet David in the Bathsheba connection. May we all never know the pains of non-confession of our sins, amen.

PRAY you are never closed up to confession of your sins

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 1-2; Galatia 5

SEPTEMBER 27TH PRAYING TO GOD FOR THIS FORGIVENESS

READ Psalm 32:6 "For this [forgiveness] let everyone who is godly pray-pray to You in a time when You may be found ; surely when the great waters [of trial] overflow, they shall not reach [the spirit in] him."

We are talking of the forgiveness that is available to those of the Faith; those who have made the Lord of Hosts their Shield. This is different from other kinds of forgiveness. I mean there may be the kind of forgiveness exercised by God's prerogative to those outside of His Commonwealth. There may be one. But I am not led to discuss this now. For now we are concerned about the prerogative of mercy promised all who will side with Jesus of Nazareth in His Faith. For this assurance we are given, that the blood of His Son cleanses us from all sins whether known or not. But we have to belong, in the first instance. Being out and staying therein will not qualify us to so benefit. For this kind of forgiveness we are all enjoined to pray so as to receive from Him in His power at the appropriate time. The appropriate time is when we are convicted of sin by His Spirit. We need not wait until the pains of non-confession set in. This may be late if not at all too late. But praying to Him for this promised forgiveness at the appointed time and timing is the essence of faithing in Him. How well are you exploring this wonderful show of His Grace! Remain blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY you are abundantly profited in His Grace of forgiveness

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 3-4; Galatians 6

SEPTEMBER 28TH WHEN THE LORD WILL COUNSEL WITH HIS EYES UPON YOU

READ Psalm 32:8 "I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you."

Having taken refuge under His powerful wings as it is, there is no stopping the Lord God Almighty from fixing His eyes on you. No. There is simply no stopping Him. But first, we must come to Him in humility as He leads us through our journey and journeying here on earth. Once we come to Him and faith in Him trustingly, He will always lead us aright. But when we go our own way and bother not to seek first His wise counsel that is ours for the asking, He can do nothing to obstruct our freewill. You will recollect that after the death of King Saul in that battle on Mount Gilboa, David asked the Lord if he should go into any of the cities of Judah from his Philistine's hideout. The answer was he could. But this was as nebulous as the question itself for there were many cities of Judah. So David asked again, which one specifically; and God told him it was Hebron. Assuming he had not been this explicit in his inquiry or he had not even asked at all but just moved into anyone of his choice based on the promise that he would be king, what a disaster this would have made! Yet he was there over just two of the twelve tribes for seven and a half years. Let us face the truth, we need to ask and ask well and explicitly before taking any step having come into the Faith and wait until He answers us.

PRAY you are led by His Spirit that truly indwells you always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 5-6; Ephesians 1

SEPTEMBER 29TH WHEN THE LORD WILL USE JUST ANYONE FOR HIS PURPOSE

READ Acts of the Apostles 23:18 "So he took him and conducted him to the commandant and said, Paul the prisoner called me to him and requested me to conduct this young man to you, for he has something to report to you."

As the Lord and God of all, God has no restriction in His use of any and all things. As long as He finds the thing or being suitable, He uses it. As noted severally in this Devotional, He has used just anything and anybody. He is the Lord and God of all whether righteous hosts or unrighteous. He reigns over all as He wills. So there is no hullabaloo on this. Once, He used a mysterious fish to keep the prophet Jonah alive in the raging sea. He also used the donkey of that mad prophet Balaam to prove his stupidity. He had used all creatures of His as the Psalter in Psalm 19:1 notes that the heavens and His creatures testify of His Presence and Being in them. The Sea of Reeds was there for Him when He asked it to part for His own to pass through and to come together again to waste His enemies. The Jordan saw Him and receded. What of Mount Sinai which quaked uncontrollably at the Presence of the Almighty? Or is it the grave which was forced to let go of Christ as well as the many teeming patriarchs who had long been held hostage? Talk of the eastern wing that for forty years brought quails into the different positions of His sinning saints in Israel. The list is endless. Here in today's text, God allowed a relation of the apostle Paul to overhear the plot against the apostle resulting in the foiling of same. In the same way, God has used all He needs to use to ensure you are who He alone has purposed you to be even before you were born. Blessed is the Lord God Almighty. Amen.

PRAY you are rest assured in Him always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 7-8; Ephesians 2

SEPTEMBER 30TH WHEN THE UNRIGHTEOUS ORDERS OVER YOU ACCORDING TO HIS WILL AND DECREE

READ Acts of the Apostles 23:35 "He said, I will hear your case fully when your accusers come. And he ordered that an eye be kept on him in Herod's palace (Praetorium)."

There is nothing strange to God or which takes Him by surprise. No, there isn't and there can never be. What we call, chance or coincidence is not known to God for He plans all beforehand. If it comes to the unrighteous ordering you or giving an order over you, it is so ordained by the Almighty and it will lead to the furtherance of the Gospel, simple. Before Pilate the unrighteous, Jesus refused to answer his question. When prodded by Pilate on the basis that he had power over His life, Jesus the Nazarene retorted that he wouldn't have had power over His life if it had not been given to him from heaven. Before this however, when the disciples of John informed him of the progress being made in the ministry of Jesus as opposed to theirs and attempted to build up his jealousy, he rightly informed them a man received nothing in this world except it is

first given him from heaven. Thus, regardless of your righteous efforts to being yourself, you will only be who you have been purposed to be and no one else. The apostle Paul may be given to plant while the apostle Apollos waters the planted seed, but only God gives the increase as the race is not to the swift; nor the battle to the strong. Bread and butter not to them who are wise as time and chance will hinder them. In conclusion, know again that it is not by power or might, but by His Spirit in us. You are blessed amen.

PRAY I am in the Lord as much as I am graced to be

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 9-10; Ephesians 3

OCTOBER 1ST REJOICING IN THE LORD IN HIS UNCOMPROMISING RIGHTEOUSNESS

READ Psalm 33:1 "REJOICE IN the Lord, O you [uncompromisingly] righteous [you upright in right standing and appropriate for those who are upright [in heart]."

The only reason why the saints must and do rejoice in the Lord is because of His Righteousness into which we have been admitted the same that opens up all blessings of the Lord for us all who will remain obedient fully and truly in Him. I want to draw attention to the definition of the righteous in this version of the Scripture-it is to the uncompromising nature of our righteousness that I am referring. It is not enough to be righteous. Lot was righteous in the Lord as he never knowingly broke the laws of the Lord God of his time. But he was a compromiser, the same that finished him up. First he was greedy and disrespective to one who was as good as his father, the same who was Abraham as he allowed his servants to strive with Abraham's servants and eventually took all the green land. Secondly, he lived in a heathen nation where morals had no meaning. Little wonder they wanted to sleep with his guests who were divine intelligentsia. He was also willing to let go of his two virgin daughters to satisfy the lust of his neighbors. And when asked to go up to the mountains fast, he lingered around until dragged; even then he begged to be in the plain. Little wonder he impregnated his two daughters himself. He never lost salvation, but with a saint like him, no one needs look too far for a heathen. Stop being a compromiser today as it affects your Faith in Christ the Nazarene. You are blessed. Amen.

PRAY you will be a perfect believer of the standard dictated by the Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 11-13; Ephesians 4

OCTOBER 2ND COMING INTO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORD OF GOD

READ Psalm 33:6 "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all their host by the breath of His mouth."

It is needful that we be reminded of the basis of the Lord God Almighty as given to us in Scripture. In Genesis for instance, we are told that the Lord God first made the heavens and their hosts. Thereafter He made the earth and all that indwelled same. From the first chapter we are made to see how He made them-by decreeing them into existence. These decrees of His are

also known as His Words. There is nothing God does outside of His decrees. By this is meant He decrees into existence whatsoever He first conceives and this done, it is a realty. There is no two ways to it. There is never the case that He conceives of anything; decrees same and there is no fulfillment. No. There is no one instance and there will never be any. So we come to the point of today. All that the Lord has decreed for you are fulfillments already. Whether or not you have been able to appropriate them is another matter altogether. Believe in Him totally and uncompromisingly and never ever give doubt any chance. What He has decreed He has also brought into fruition. It doesn't matter who is the instrument of the decree. What matters is that He Who has promised ids the Lord God Almighty Who will bring it to fruition as decreed as the fullness of time. So why worry when you must beli9eve!

PRAY you are not deceived into giving doubt a chance

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 14-16; Ephesians 5:1-16

OCTOBER 3RD THE DEATHLESSNESS OF GOD'S COUNSEL

READ Psalm 33:11 "The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of His heart through all generations."

Deathlessness in this case is nothing but eternity or agelessness of all the counsel of the Lord God. I have always taught the eternity of all that is God, including of course but not limited to His attributes and emotions. Since He Himself is deathless, it is to be understood that everything and all things about Him are deathless. His love is eternal as well as His anger. We may not doubt the eternity of His mercies and compassion but I agree that His anger as deathless calls for a debate. To start with, Adam our progenitor sinned in Eden; one would have thought that the death of Christ Jesus would have made an end of death and our dying. But this is not so as we all keep dying and will so do until an end is eternally made of death. That is why the Bible in 1 Corinthians 15: 26 notes the end of death as the last enemy of mankind. But why need we continue to die still? The answer is very simple-His anger as well as His other attributes are eternal since they all derive from Him and reflect His Person. The implication is for you and I to strive always to be in His good books where this means being in His holiness. For once spoken, every word by Him is already a fulfillment. Any spoken Word can only override but not annul that earlier spoken. Remain blessed in Him eternally amen.

PRAY you are in His Holiness all the days of your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 17-19; Ephesians 5:17-33

OCTOBER 4TH THE BENFIT OF HAVING GOD AS YOUR LORD NATIONALLY AND OTHERWISE

READ Psalm 33:12 "Blesses (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His heritage."

To be blessed as I have noted repeatedly here is the best grace one can ever have from the Lord as all other goodness of His are embedded in His blessing. There is no further manifestation of His Grace outside of His blessings. That is why in the Old Testament times, particularly in Numbers 6:22ff, He ordered His priests to bless His people with His blessings thus: "*The Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favor) to you; The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually)"*. Conversely, the worst curse to be put on any is to decree the woe of God on that person. Curse you want to know from the Hebrew word is the rendering impotent, or crippling of one's blessing. When a nation has God for its heritage as she basks in His righteousness, there is nothing else she requires as her citizens are God favored. Where in the contrary an individual or a nation is aversed to God's blessing as they are out of His Commonwealth, there is nothing for them to live for again except to quickly come into His Commonwealth. How much of this do you have in you already? Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are in the blessings of the Lord that makes rich abundantly kin all areas amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 20-22; Ephesians 6

OCTOBER 5TH IT IS BY HIS GRACE NOT BY ANY'S DOING

READ Psalm 33:16 "No king is saved by the great size and power of his army; a mighty man is not delivered by [his] much strength."

Many times in Scripture it is averred that armament or amassing of weaponry is useless to victory in warfare. This is the truth of the Almighty. Not too long ago in this Devotional, we put it forward that the race is not for the swift nor the battle for the strong nor is bread for the wise or riches for the intelligent who knows how to trade and make profit. This much is contained in Ecclesiastes 9:11ff. Also in 1 Samuel 2:9 we are told explicitly that by the strength of the arm shall no man prospers. But prosperity and success as we know it and failure by contrast all belong to God as He lifts up one and brings the other down. If the size of the army is synonymous with victory, then Sennacherib would have won his siege against Samaria. But instead, 180, 000 of his best hands were slaughtered overnight by His angelic being as his two children killed him on getting home. Does this mean we should be fatalistic not doing anything but just sitting down and expecting God to do our part for us? Certainly no. what we are saying is God should be the overriding consideration in our life. Whatsoever we would embark upon has to be instructed and directed by Him so that we would not trust on the flesh but on His might and power and so glorify Him. Amen. Are you this knowledgeable? It is high time you are. Amen.

PRAY you make the power of Israel your shield and tower of Righteousness all your life.

HIS BLOOD HIS FKESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 23-25; Philippians 1

OCTOBER 6TH KNOWING GOD'S LOVING-KINDNESS IN PROPROTION TO OUR WAITING

READ Psalm 33:22 "Let Your mercy and loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, in proportion to our waiting and hoping for You."

Although it may sound unrealistic or undeserving or outright untrue, the truth is as good and gracious as our Lord and God is, what we eventually get from Him either in Faith or outside of same depends largely on what we put into His service. One quick and straight text Scripturally will put all attempts at arguing against same to naught. The apostle and prophet Paul has noted in his epistle to the Galatian saints that we should not give ourselves to deceit and self delusion as whatever any of us sows or refuses to sow he would reap or refuse to reap. As a result he admonishes us not to be relenting in good doing. The apostle and prophet Jeremiah talks of Israel sowing wind but reaping whirlwind. Meaning that there is no overdraft in the bank of nature; worse still, there is interest in whatever one puts in the bank whether good or evil. In Luke 6:38 again urges us in His truth to give as we expect good measure, pressed down a d running over will be our recompense here on earth and in heaven beyond. What all these boil down to is you are strong as your faith in the Lord. The level of your obedience is the level of your worth in the Lord. And were you are outside His Commonwealth despite repeated and persuasive imploring, you have yourself to blame. Even in the natural, who harvests yam from a corn plantation? Certainly no. whatsoever you put into the Faith is what will be yielded to you in harvesting. Remain blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you are enabled in His knowledge and power and not deceived

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 26-27; Philippians 2

OCTOBER 7TH WHAT IS RIGHTEOUS ALL THE TIME

READ Psalm 34:1 "I WILL bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

If there is one thing that should be done unceasingly and all the time after coming into the Faith, it is praising God. When we praise Him in this wise, it is reckoned to us as blessing His Holy name. Ordinarily there is nothing we can give Him in terms of blessings the way we receive from Him. For all we have are from Him and actually belong to Him as they are His provisions for us. But against the trend of just seeking from Him always and all the time without any meaningful thankfulness, if we would always bless Him from the bottom of our hearts, and I want to posit that no one blesses the Lord from the bottom of His heart truly without the Holy Ghost prompting; then we are truly His. As a matter of truth, how well you bless the Lord both qualitatively and quantitatively depends on the extent to which you have allowed the Holy Spirit His Spirit into your heart. Where you are a fake, you won't even credit Him with your success let alone blessing Him for same. But a Holy Spirit filled heart like that of David and Job will always be strengthened in the Lord even in the worst of adversity. So it is not a matter of learning to

praise Him always as much as imbibing His Spirit, the whole of Same into your being and so nourish Him always and you will do nothing but praise Him continually as here depicted. Amen.

PRAY you are already in His praises all the time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 28-29; Philippians 3

OCTOBER 8TH MAGNIFYING THE LORD AND GETTING OTHERS TO JOIN IN DOING SAME

READ Psalm 34:3 "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

To magnify is to amplify while amplifying His name is the same as lifting Him up and high. God Who is in the highest heavens cannot be lifted up by any literally. Not even by the cherubim who bear His throne. When we say He should be magnified by us we mean we should give praises to Him as become fit and credit Him for our all. It is acknowledging all His good deeds in our lives while we hold ourselves accountable for all our evil doings. This is so because it is the Lord Who is effectually working out His ways in us as soon as we come into the Faith. It is nothing of ourselves as we lack any capability to doing any good. Not just magnifying Him but also doing so loudly in such a way as it proclaims His goodness to all around and win their support by His Spirit in us all. Until we are able to do this all the days of our lives, we have a gap that needs be plucked immediately. But just like our discussion of yesterday, only the prompting of the Holy Spirit, His Spirit that rightly indwells us can achieve this. We need to give in to Scriptural readying, studying and meditation as regularly as required and on a daily basis. Only His Spirit in us will give us acceptable schedule. We should never expect that the time will be there. No. It certainly won't come any easy. Yet, we have to do it as often as He dictates. This is what it means to magnify Him. Amen.

PRAY you make a complete magnification of the Lord God Almighty Who alone redeems you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 30-31; Philippians 4

OCTOBER 9TH ONE REWARD OF FEARING REVERENTLY THE LORD

READ Psalm 34:7 "The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him [who revere and worship Him with awe] and each of them He delivers."

In this piece of Scripture, reference is made to the Angel of the Lord. In some other instances in the Old Testament canon it is written as The Angel of His Presence. It is the same thing as talking of the Pre-Bethlehem appearances of the Second Personality of the Godhead Who is Jesus the Nazarene. Even if it were an ordinary angel of the Lord, it is worth it although angels by their nature do nothing without receiving instruction from the Lord God Almighty. They know better than we do in this regards. To all who will reverently fear the Lord as he or she abides in His Word and does all he or she can to remain righteous in Him, there is the guarantee that the Lord will encamp with us meaning He would dwell with us. There was a video of a rapist in the UK I was told sometimes in which the rapist allegedly pointed to two hefty men standing on either

side of a lady forcing him to go for the next lady after the first. Interestingly, there was no one physically accompanying her on inquiry but she was returning from a religious meeting. The truth is whether or not we are aware of it, the Lord guides and guards over us all. It is our duty to remain faithful in His righteousness such that we would be who and what He has purposed us to be from eternity past. Remain in His Glory, amen.

PRAY the Lord of hosts is your Shield and Guard all the while and times

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 32-33; Colossians 1

OCTOBER 10TH COME AND SEE WHO AND WHAT OUR LORD IS MADE OF

READ Psalm 34:8 "O taste and see that the Lord [our God] is good! Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who trusts and takes refuge in Him."

What does it mean to say the Lord God Almighty is good? It means a lot of things all pointing to His blessedness and nothing else. God is good in that He does only all that is good. There is nothing g the Lord does that is evil. No. This is never the case. Although we most of the time do not fathom His goodness initially, but hindsight has thought us to come into the marvelous light of His goodness for all humanity; nay all His species. There is no one specie of His that He does not provide for. No. There is simply just not one. As immense as His species are, no one is left out of His providential care. Even He calls all the starry hosts of His by their names. Let us take a very familiar act of His. We call it imputation in Theology. God makes His Son Who knows no sin to be sin for the whole world. It pleased Him to bruise Him for our sins. Ordinarily one can say God is not good at all in this if we call Him not evil right away. But when we realize the good His death has given to us in His Grace by way of our redemption, we cannot but be most grateful and thankful to Him. This is the nature of the goodness of the Lord I serve. What about you?

PRAY you are gloriously blessed in His immense goodness for all the faithful

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 34-36; Colossians 2

OCTOBER 11TH GOD'S UNRESTRICTED AVAILABILITY TO THE UNCOMPROMISINGLY RIGHTEOUS

READ Psalm 34:15 "The eyes of the Lord are toward the [uncompromisingly] righteous and His ears are open to their cry."

Without much ado, we have characterized in this Devotional who the uncompromisingly righteous is-this is a faithful who remains steadfast in his Faith of Jesus Christ despite all pressures and vicissitudes of life. These are the likes of the prophet Daniel, Job, and the trio of Daniel's friends in the burning furnace. You can then understand why the eyes of the Lord are open to their cries as well as His ears are ready to accommodate their communion. But what does it mean for the eyes of the Almighty to be towards them as well as His ears opening to their cries? In part, it means God is overshadowing them as they are seated in His Tabernacle. Come rain come sunshine, they are there waiting on Him thanking Him for their lives and living

as well as for their plights. Yes, their plights. For His ears to be opened to their cries means in part the uncompromisingly righteous is also opened to persecutions and trials. As a matter of divine truth, this is what proves their uncompromising nature. So they cry perhaps more than other faithful. But God is always there to clean and dry up their tears because He is in control of all their lives and affairs. Otherwise they cease to be uncompromisingly righteous. This is the standard required of you and I. I know I am not there yet. But I am committed to being there soonest in His power and might. You too are most welcome as we stick to God in His Righteousness, amen.

PRAY we are most uncompromising righteous in the Faith, His Faith really, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 37-38; Colossians 3

OCTOBER 12TH KNOWING THE NATURE OF THE CONSISTENTLY RIGHTEOUS 1

READ Psalm 34:19 "Many evils confront the [consistently] righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all."

By evil is means not good in the context we are discussing. It is what is not palatable occasioned by Satan the worst evil doer and the author, finisher, and sponsor of same. God permits it no doubt because it is only through sufferings that we all learn obedience and become toughened in our journey of righteousness. There is no other way to learn being consistently and uncompromisingly righteous outside of His trials. As a result, many and numerous are the evils that confront; that afflict; and seek and seem to overwhelm the consistently righteous. They are as numerous as their stay in the Faith. You may want to note that the three temptations of Christ recorded in the three synoptic Gospels were just only a representation of His trials. What about the bruising; what about the making of Him Who knew no sin to be sin of the world; what about His fight with Hades and death before He conquered them both; what about His trials in the hands of Pilate the unrighteous ruler and His fears and sufferings in Gethsemane? But like our God is in His usual goodness, He delivered Him from them all. Thus, as heirs of His Son and coheirs of the Father, we would also experience a number of evils here in our struggle of Faith. But we are to be of good cheers. We are already overcome in all these. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you remain consistent and uncompromising in the Faith, His Faith really

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY- Isaiah 39-40; Colossians 4

OCTOBDER 13TH KNOWING THE NATURE OF THE CONSISTENTLY RIGHTEOUS 2

READ Psalm 34:20 "He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken."

As a follow up to our discussions of yesterday, we need to know that God is in the trials and persecutions of the ever consistently righteous. As a result nothing untoward, meaning nothing He does not approve of will ever come into their trials. Recall that the three Hebrews in the overheated furnace of Nebuchadnezzar were accompanied in their plight by the Son of God

even then in the dispensation before His revelation and manifestation. On the Cross, His Cross really, God was in Christ the Nazarene, not counting the sin of the world unto her but actually forgiving our trespasses. You will never be alone in your trials and tribulation. There has never been one instance of this and you will not be the first as this is not the will of God. Persecutions will certainly come as decreed by God and usually without any information about them. This is where your faith in Him comes in. Job never knew he was being tried by the Almighty as Abraham the father of all faithful never knew he was being tried until he proved his Faith. But all your bones will be preserved both symbolically as well as literally. He did this for Christ on the cross. The bones of the two other executed criminals had to be broken; yet none of His was broken. God is in you. God is in me. We would not be moved. God will help me and you and now too. Remain consistently righteous in His Faith forever, amen.

PRAY God is in your heart and emotion particularly in your trials

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 41-42; 1 Thessalonians 1

OCTOBER 14TH ALSO KNOWING THE NATURE OF THE CONSISTENTLY WICKED

READ Psalm 34:21 "Evil shall cause the death of the wicked; and they who hate the just and the righteous shall be held guilty and shall be condemned."

It is not enough to know the nature of the consistently righteous good and desirable as this is. It is equally important that we are also knowledgeable about the nature of the consistently wicked. To be wicked is to be evil. It is not to be righteous. As a matter of divine truth, it is to be consistently seeking the fall of the consistently righteous; it is to be against the good of the consistently righteous and just by hating them and working against their desired end. It is also being a dog in the manger of the righteous. Put it plainly, it is being unrepentantly evil in wickedness. Thus, as the Lord tempers His justice with mercy awaiting the turning point into His righteousness of the wicked; the wicked consistently perfects his art of wickedness until the mercy days are over. As a result, he is taken in his consistent evil doing and ultimately perishes in same as he is consumed therein. In effect, the consistently wicked like the Ethiopian cannot change his skin just as the leopard cannot as well. So they cannot be changed to doing good having mastered the art of wickedness. For them is Hades preserved and reserved. But you be not in their counsel but come to the Lord today. The Grace so to do is still there for now. Tomorrow will certainly be late. Praise the Lord God, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will come out of all unrighteousness today and be the lord of His purpose for you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 43-44; 1 Thessalonians 2

OCTOBER 15TH THE FINAL WORD OF HIS

READ Psalm 34:22 "The Lord redeems the lives of His servants, and none of those who take refuge and trust in Him shall be condemned or held guilty."

The truth that must be told in that we all need be reminded of same in our own interest is that in every and all situations, God will always redeem His own no matter the situation whether or not we are aware of same. God never fails and this is the truth of His. I have been with Him from my mother's womb. I have been brought up in and with Him from my birth. Unconsciously I have served Him on my parents' instructions righteously. Consciously, I have been known by Him even before my birth as He formed me in my mother's womb. Consciously too, I have known Him in my being and myself for at least forty five years to say the least. I have unconsciously been forced to put Him to the test. Even in my many heinous sins and sinning which only Him can remember if He chooses to; I have found Him most Faithful. That is not even saying the whole truth. He is the only Faithful. All else take after Him even in the heavenly where He is seated among the cherubim I hasten to say. The apostle and king David in his song of praise once noted that he had been young but as at the time of the writing had been old; yet had he not seen the righteous forsaken or his seed beg for bread. You will never ever beg for bread all the days of your life in Jesus name. This is no prayer but a declaration of His if only you will abide in His Grace to which you have been called in the Faith of His Son. Remain blessed in Him permanently, amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in His Faith all days of your life and living. Amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 45-46; 1 Thessalonians 3

OCTOBER 16TH KNOWING ALL THE KNOWABLES

READ Acts of the Apostles 24:10 "And when the governor had beckoned to Paul to speak, he answered: Because I know that for many years you have been a judge over this nation, I find it easier to make my defense and do it cheerfully and with good conscience."

It is not enough to be knowledgeable in Scriptures good and desirable as this is in the Lord. Because we are living in a world of human beings where less than 10% actually live in the Lord, and the need for us to disciple the remaining about 90% is overwhelming, we need to be knowledgeable in every area of our living. This prepares us ahead of the task of discipleship and general evangelism. It is an added advantage to our knowledge in the Lord. For instance, knowledge of the power and might of your enemy is an added impetus to your own strength. But if you are confronting an enemy you little know about, you are in grave danger no matter how powerful you are. This is one reason why so much is revealed not just said in Scripture about Satan. We need to know enough about him so as not to fall prey to his antics. Knowledge of the Lord God is not only enough in this case. If I know all the features of a genuine dollar, pounds sterling or the naira but deficient in the features of the fakes of these, then I am not as powerful as I should be. The Lord blesses you as you acquire in His Righteousness alone all knowledge requisite to your ministration here on earth. You are most blessed in the Lord, alleluia.

PRAY you are most blessed in the overriding knowledge of the Savior Lord always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 47-49; 1 Thessalonians 4

OCTOBER 17TH CONFESSION OF THE WAY IN AND OF THE LORD

READ Acts of the Apostles 24:14 "But this I confess to you, however, that in accordance with the Way [of the Lord], which they call a [heretical, division-producing] sect, I worship (serve) the God of our fathers, still persuaded of the truth of and believing in and placing full confidence in everything laid down in the Law of [Moses] or written in the prophets."

One major proof of our faith and faithfulness in the Lord God Almighty is our ability to openly profess our trust and leaning totally on His fullness not just when the going is good, but more so when our lives are at risk for so doing. You will recall that the greatest fall and failing of the apostle Peter was his denial of the Son of God in the face of imminent death should he so identify with Him. This was some moments after his professing of Him as the Messiah of the world. So what accounted for the difference? It was the lack of the power of God which is the same as the Holy Spirit, His Spirit really. When He confessed Him as the Messiah, Jesus the Nazarene had retorted that it was not flesh and blood that showed him that much but His Father in heaven through His Spirit in him. So when he denied Him repeatedly, it was the absence of that same Spirit; or the lack of same in appropriate measure or both that was responsible. So how much of His Spirit is in you? How much of God's Spirit have you allowed into your being such that in every situation, in rain or sunshine; in death or in live and living; in sorrow and joy; in tribulation and excruciating penury, you will confess your readiness to die for and in Him. Remain blessed in the Savior forever and ever amen.

PRAY have enough of His Holy Ghost current always to lighten you in the darkness of the world

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 50-52; 1 Thessalonians 5

OCTOBER 18TH ALARMING YOUR OPPONENTS THROUGH CONTINUED ARGUMENT OF CHRIST

READ Acts of the Apostles 24:25 "But as he continued to argue about uprightness, purity of life (the control of the passions), and the judgment to come, Felix became alarmed and terrified and said, Go away for the present; when I have a convenient opportunity, I will send for you."

Contrary to what most of us have been led to believe and quite wrongly too, there is nothing amiss in arguing in matters of Scripture. Either within the faithful or outside of it, argument on the truth of Scripture should be a welcome development and enlightenment at the same time. Argument in this wise is also classified as apologetics in Theological parlance. Here we see the apostle Paul in his many apologetics arguing for Christ but knowledgeably too. It is useless arguing when one is deficient of the truth needed to reinforce oneself. And it is not arguing for the sake of arguing. No. This is no productive way of winning soul. For everything the believer will do he or she has to be Spirit led. Only when this happens can he be Spirit filled. There is no way the Holy Spirit will lead you into a futile battle. No. It will never so happen. And when you

are not sent, there is no anointing for the battle. So arguments and arguing His Power and Might are most Righteous when they are God prompted. This is the situation in today's reading. The apostle was led to witness his own righteous living so powerfully that the unrighteous governor was fearful of his own unrighteous living. When last was the enemy frightened away in God's righteous manifestation of Himself in you?

PRAY you are always powered from on High

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 53-55; 2 Thessalonians 1

OCTOBER 19TH FORESEEING THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

READ Acts of the Apostles 24:26 "At the same time he hoped to get money from Paul, for which reason he continued to send for him and was in his company and conversed with him often."

No doubt we are living in a world most corrupt and most wicked in all human generations. At the same time, the Gospel of Christ has never witnessed a more successful dispensation than now in the annals of mankind. Even when the Savior transverse this world, it was never so fruitful although the purpose for which He came and lived was most accomplished. Yet, there is no greater challenge for us than now to lead a most righteous live so as to put all oppositions to naught. Can you imagine for a moment if money had been offered to the governor by Paul and or his assistants; could it have been possible for the Holy Ghost to speak through Paul to Caesar? Would it have been possible for Paul to converse regularly with the governor on the need for him to give his life as well as those of his household to God? Who knows what God used the constant conversation to achieve for His own goal? This and many others we should always consider before compromising to and with the world in anything unscriptural. There is no doubt that a major fit is lost to the enemy each time a faithful compromises his or her faith in Christ. It was because of the persistence of the apostle ,Paul and his likes that God was able to work out His plans for the world and we are where we are today because of their uncompromising faith. You and I have the same odious task to remain faithful in Him so that we can pass on the touch of evangelism to those that come after us. Remain blessed in His Grace always.

PRAY you are upheld in the Righteousness of the Savior always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 56-58; 2 Thessalonians 2

OCTOBER 20TH THE NEW COVENANT FORETOLD IN THE OLD, ONE TIME TOO MANY

READ Ezekiel 31:31 "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah."

Many times I have been graced to teach almost outrageously that there is nothing unscriptural about the Old Testament. As a matter of divine Truth, the Old Testament is the fountain upon which the New is found and based whether linguistically, theologically or rationally. The term

New presupposes Old as the word old looks forward to the new. Besides this, Jesus Christ many a time in His ministrations in the Gospels made it plain He did not come to abolish the Old Testament and the prophets. Rather, He said He came to fulfill them. We who have the grace of Theological knowledge know that all of the Old Testament points in its shadow representation to Jesus Christ Who alone is the Fulfillment of all of the Old Testament types. This is why He is referred to as The Messiah meaning the One and only One prophesied in the Old Testament. Attempting to trivialize the Old Testament at all or trying to discredit same is trying the impossible task of wiping off the Scripture. Here in Jeremiah at least, we are told pointedly that He God was going to make a new covenant with the house of Judah from where the Savior was and did come and with the whole of Israel for that matter. This I believe has settled all arguments about the relevance of the Old Testament canon to us Christians. You are blessed immeasurable in Him, amen.

PRAY you add knowledge, the true knowledge of His to your faith in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 59-61; 2 Thessalonians 3

OCTOBER 21ST KNOWING THE FIRST COVENANT THAT WAS BROKEN

READ Jeremiah 31:32 "Not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was their Husband, says the Lord."

The Old covenant the same that was the Old Testament typified the Lord God Almighty as the Husband while the Israelites were the wife, a single wife to the Lord. But severally, they broke same without any sense of shame as they defiled as it were, their matrimonial bed while whoring with various suitors who later turned out to feed on them. That was the nature of hirelings any way any day as well. But for the mercies of God, we and not just they alone were not consumed; for His mercies are unending and His delight in any is everlasting no matter what we want to say or do. As a result, He fashioned out a New Covenant the same that was Grace laden requiring us not to just obey His Laws which anybody on his own had never done; but to faith in Him through His Son Who alone has been made propitiation for all our sins and Who had paid the price of death for us. As a result, no one needs die again for his or her sin. Rather, we are reckoned righteous in His Righteousness. We are no longer His wife as in the Old, but now we are more than this- we are heirs of His Heir Who is Jesus the Nazarene and co-heir with Him of His Father. There is no issue of divorce again. Rather we are bride of His Excellency and are made pure, and holy without any defilement of our virginity. This is where the issue is. Whereas the Old covenant demanded obedience unto the Laws as a whole, the New reckons obedience unto us in the Faith of the Lord Jesus the Nazarene. How great is the Lord God Omnipotent! Alleluia.

PRAY you are tutored enough in His New Covenant

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 62-64; 1 Timothy 1

OCTOBER 22ND KNOWING THE NATURE OF THE NEW COVENANT THE MORE

READ Jeremiah 31:33 "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel: After those days, says the Lord, I will put My law within them, and on their hearts will I write it; and I will be their God, and they will be My people."

One reason why man failed in the Old covenant is the truth that man was entirely carnal seeking to obey the demands of the Law through his personal efforts not relying on His Spirit. For even under the Old Testament dispensation, there was Grace only that it wasn't as graciously manifested as we have it now. Rather than worship the Giver of the Law and the Maker of same, man sought to worship the Law failing to realize the very purpose of the Law-the inability of man to ever fulfill its requirements; thus looking out to the Savior as the Law was to make sin exceedingly more sinful. As a result, obedience of 99% of the Law was the same as none obedience at all. Thus, for one violation of same, one dies without mercy from just two witnesses. Unlike the Old covenant however, the New is written in our hearts. It is part and parcel of our beings as we daily walk and live in the Spirit, His Spirit really. And where we err in same knowingly or otherwise, His Spirit points us to the error and leads us into repentance after confession. In this, we cannot be lost by chance except by choice and why ever choose to be lost when salvation is made most simple and free? You are blessed in Him forever and ever, amen.

PRAY you are most knowledgeable in Him all the days of your life and living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 65-66; 1 Timothy 2

OCTOBER 23RD FORGIVING OUR INIQUITY AND SERIOUSLY REMEBERING THEM NO MORE

READ Jeremiah 31:34 "And they will no more teach each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, Know the Lord, for they will all know Me [recognize, understand, and be acquainted with Me], from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will [seriously] remember their sin no more."

Blessed be the name of the Lord God from now until eternity unend alleluia. We are bringing our discussions on the New Covenant to a halt for now and on a good note too. One notable feature of the New Covenant of Grace as never before is that under it, God has promised to forgive our iniquity. Not only this, He has more than this promised by the Blood of the Lamb never to remember same again. Under the Old Testament, Israel was warned strenuously never to sin as the Guardian Angel of His Presence will not forgive their transgressions. This much is seen in Exodus thus: "*Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep and guard you on the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.* ***Give heed to Him, listen to and obey His voice; be not rebellious before Him or provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgression; for My name is in Him"-Exodus 23:20-21; Emphasis mine.*** In the New Covenant of Grace that is entirely by Faith, His Faith really, one's sins are already forgiven in Christ Jesus. What is more they are taken as it were into the sea of forgetfulness where God has decided not to ever remember them again. It is not that He forgets them. Forgetfulness is not of the Almighty God. How can He ever

forget anything and still be the Lord God? But He chooses never to remember them again. So each time we come to Him in repentance, we are renewed and restored as if we had never sinned at all. Glory is His forever and ever amen.

PRAY you bring yourself under this gracious cover that is unprecedented NOW. Tomorrow is late

HIS BLOOD HIA FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 1-2; 1Timothy 3

OCTOBER 24TH NOTING THE HEAVENLY VISION

READ Isaiah 1:1 "THE VISION [seen by spiritual perception] of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah [the kingdom] and Jerusalem [its capital] in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah."

We are in the dispensation of His Grace as never before; and I am of the opinion that there would never be any more show of His Grace as we have it now. For this I bless God that I am living in same. Having said this, the next issue is coming into the knowledge of His vision. Thus is different from academic vision. We are talking strictly about God's revelation in the realm of the prophetic. It is not a question of forming His vision. His visions are never formed; but revealed by Him to whoever has found favor in His sight; not for being better than another, but simply to serve Him in this wise and I am grateful to Him for this being blessed. His vision though revealed through His chosen need be met with the appropriate attitude and actions that are doctrinal. You will recall that until the young boy Samuel learnt the ethics of receiving His vision in appropriate term and mind, he never received Him. Thrice He came calling. And thrice Samuel missed Him mistaking Him for Eli. But once taught to humble himself as he reverend Him, He God spoke to Him and he never missed out again. You have to desire to be who God has chosen you to be. Then pray fervently for His anointing in that area. It is useless praying to be a Micaiah when He has made you a Joseph the dreamer. Even if the prayer is heard, which I doubt any way, you will be a misnomer as that is not what you are called for. Always you must be tuned in to Him as you ready yourself to receive His revelation as given. This much you owe Him and yourself. Amen.

PRAY you are in His revelation for you for this age and appropriately too, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 3-5; 1 Timothy 4

OCTOBER 25TH NEVER EVER REBELLING AGAINST THE LORD GOD AGAIN

READ Isaiah 1:2 "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the Lord has spoken: I have nourished and brought up sons and have made them great, but they have rebelled against Me and broken away from Me."

Another way of seeing this verse is to see same as near imprecatory in which the Lord God was calling both the heavens and the earth to witness to the truth of the rebellion of His own redeemed the same that will necessitate His cursing them. But what justification has God for

doing this? These are many. First He created the heavens and the earth which He summoned. Secondly, man himself who is regarded here as His son is His creation too. Next, He had made the man great after creating him. This means in part all that the man is he owes to Him the Creator. Contrary to acknowledging Him and His graciousness to the man, they the sons of the man have turned their back on Him instead of their faces and have now rebelled against the Creator Who alone formed them. Where do you come in; in this issue where do I also come in as regards the same matter? How rebellious are you and me? Repudiating His goodness over our lives is the worst rebellion any can make against Him. How bad are you in doing this? Have you ever rejected the manual of your appliances and profit there from? There is no way you can repudiate the fatherhood of God over your life and make any meaning out of your life and living. It simply doesn't work out that way. Return today and now too to the Lord; and you will be accepted by Him joyfully. Amen.

PRAY you will return today unto the Lord God and be blessed in Him abundantly. Amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 6-8; 1 Timothy 5

OCTOBER 26TH LEARNING FROM THE OX AND THE DONKEY THE VITAL KNOWLEDGE

READ Isaiah 1:3 "The ox [instinctively] knows his owner, and the donkey his master's crib, but Israel does not know or recognize Me [as Lord], My people do not consider or understand ."

Perhaps a better title would have been *Are you lacking in understanding?* But it really matters not as the semantic content is still the same. You may blame Israel for her constant rebellion to the Lord even up till today and up till His Glorious Second Coming; but are you any better? Am I any better? Are we worthy of the glorious name of the Farther by which we are called? Didn't He call us brethren and was and is still not ashamed of our association despite our perennial rebellion and ungratefulness? If animals know the time of their visitations; if the ox as powerful as she is knows the owner and the unclean donkey his master; what justification have you and I for not knowing that which is right and just even in His Glory? For this reason we shall be judged and doomed if we persist in our rebellion and do not return to Him. God never wants any to perish. That was why sensing that money was the worst temptation to face Judas Iscariot, he was saddled with the purse without any accountability. Yet, he perished after persistently pilfering the purse; His purse really. You and I have the same fate awaiting us if we resist Him habitually. So come back to Him today and be a victory of His. Amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in His salvation truths amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 9-11; 1 Timothy 6

OCTOBER 27TH HIDING HIS WORD IN YOUR HEART TO AVOID SINNING

READ Psalm 119:11 "Your word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against You."

To hide His Word in one's heart as here noted is to put same to mind and remembrance so that as the need arises one can put same to use. This goes beyond reading of His Word. It is first studying same through repeated readings and coming into its understanding. This is the most crucial thing-coming into understanding of His Word such that when confronted with circumstances that are challenging to say the least, one is already armed with what is to be done by bringing from memory that which has been previously committed therein. When Joseph was confronted with choosing to sleeping with the master's wife on a platter of gold and thereby coming off his slavery yoke as long as it lasted; the Word of God already implanted in him taught him otherwise. He thought and reasonably and righteously too that even if the association lasted for life, he would have sinned against God. So he refrained from committing the sin. David the King in waiting in the jungle was reminded of never ever raising one's hands against God's anointed even if he the anointed was working towards one's fall despite being urged on by his captains. So he refrained from killing his adversary and by so doing avenging for himself. Absalom never ever kept His Word in his heart. So when occasion came up for vengeance, he avenged his sister by killing his brother Amnon and attempting to do more than that. He never knew for once the Word of God that instructs the honor of one's father and mother, but rather dishonored his father and wanted to kill him. The desert taught him a lesson he would not too soon forget were it possible for him to come the second time. So what are you doing with the Word of God at your disposal? Take good advantage of same as you put it to meaningful use. Amen.

PRAY you are led by His Words which you have first internalized, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 12-14; 2 Timothy 1

OCTOBER 28th CONTENDING WITH MY CONTENDERS O LORD

READ Psalm 35:1 "CONTEND, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me!"

Against many oppositions to the use of this Psalm largely for being naïve and totally unknowing in the Way of Righteousness, this Psalm is part and parcel of the Written Word for our use. Personally, I have heard no cause to use this Psalm and other imprecatory Psalms in the last ten years in the least if I may safely say so despite the enormous and mounting challenges I face daily. Why? It is because I have come to the understanding that God is there for me and I have kept my peace. When I was much younger in age as well as in my knowledge of the Almighty, it was one of my daily songs of praise the same that more than anything kept my balance in the Lord. But as I grow in His Word and knowledge, I come to realize that Satan and his allies are not my focus. My focus always is the Lord God Almighty. Thus whatever I am going through my duty is to call on God to see to same and let His will be fulfilled in my life. If doing this is killing my adversary, that is a decision He alone can and will take. I have no hands in it. Once I am fed with His Word, in times of trouble, His Word satiates me and keeps me alive and this is the truth. If you are led to feed on this imprecatory Word of God regardless of your growth in Him, please do

and assiduously too. If I am ordered by Him to so do all the days of my life so be it. It is Scriptural to use and it is righteous. Only that it must be situationally appropriate. Amen.

PRAY you are well versed in His Word always for you good.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 15-17; 2 Timothy 2

OCTOBER 29TH CONFOUNDING AND SHAMIMG YOUR ENEMIES

READ Psalm 35:4 "Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek and require my life; let them be turned back and confounded who plan my hurt."

I am grateful to the Lord for the kind of background I have and particularly for coming from a polygamous family with all its attending challenges and discomforts. In all truth I have greatly benefited there from beyond my imagination. God has used same to teach me some home truths which may perhaps not have been easily learnt had I not come from this background. So I know it is normal and Scriptural too for the enemies to seek after one's life. As a matter of fact and divine truth, that is the ultimate of all enemies. If an enemy seeks not the life of you and I, you tell me what is his business being an enemy? Just tell me? Wasn't the business of the King Saul to terminate the life of David the king in waiting all his life? What of the adversaries of Daniel the Prophet and beloved in the land of the Babylonians? Did they ever stop for once to seek after his life in all the five kingdoms he served as the man of God? And pray what was he doing when his enemies were seeking his life-drinking tea or what? Or when Mordecai the Jew was being sought after and Haman the long drawn enemy of the Jews secured a decree to exterminate the Jews wherever they may be found against the will of the Almighty, did the Jews go on a drinking spree expecting God to work out their own salvation for them? Didn't they pray and fasted for their deliverance for which the Lord God hearkened to their voices? Had they kept silent in the face of the daunting challenges, wouldn't the enemies have prevailed? Brother and sister in the Lord, your duty is to seek to protect and preserve your own life. That is one reason you are living. Even animals preserve their lives and seek their own good. Why not pray as Inscriptured!

PRAY you are not misled by the enemy's deceitfulness in any way at all

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 18-19; 2 Timothy 3

OCTOBER 30TH BEING JOYFUL AND REJOICING IN THE LORD

READ Psalm 35:9 "Then I shall be joyful in the Lord, I shall rejoice in His deliverance."

After God has taken over your fight because you called on Him so to do after coming into the Faith; His Faith really and truly; then you can rest assured that He is in control. Then and only then can you joy in Him and rejoice in the victory which He alone has given and which He alone can give to those who put the whole of their trust in Him. Are you there already? In all humility, I am there absolutely in His Grace. Time there was when I was just getting to know Him. Time

there was when I only know Him through all that I had in the church sermon and through the eyes of my father who was graced to birth me. Time there was when I depended on visions given to others or which others claimed to have received from Him to relate to Him. Then and only then, I fought my wars on my own even in His Faith as I gave Him no way into my heart truly and really. I did want I wanted and only asked for His approval sparingly after I had done all I wanted to do by my carnal nature. But time there is now that I have known Him and I am confessing this truth in all honesty. I have known Him even though I have not known enough of Him. I am into Him now through His written Word which I digest daily. Daily is really an understatement as I live in and by His Word. As a writing prophet and minister, I live truly in His Word. Added to this, He has given me of His Spirit of prophecy and visions the same that enliven my communion in Him. Now I allow Him to have His way in my life. I know I should and I can. I also know I could hinder Him. But I have chosen to live by Him and never to perish out of Him. So I rejoice in Him always. Amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are there too; and more than this be perfect in Him always. Amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 20-21; 2 Timothy 4

OCTOBER 31ST PRAISING AND THANKING GOD IN HIS ASSEMBLY

READ Psalm 35:18 "I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among a mighty throng."

It shouldn't surprise anyone that in this imprecatory Psalm, time and time again, rejoicing, praising, and thanking the Lord are the order of the day. This is so because from the beginning the Psalter has committed his course into the hands of the Lord God Almighty. He has asked Him to fight his course knowing that God only involves Himself in not just any matter but those given to Him in His Righteousness. As a result, he is sure that all victory he would ever witness belongs to God in His Glory as it is He Who really and only fights the war. As a result, it is in-keeping that he sings His praises and thank Him for the victory which no one deserves [even though we all desire it]; but which is freely given in His Grace in Christ the Nazarene. Where are you and I in all these? Are we ever grateful to God for our all? Do we thank Him enough? Do we accept His reign over us gloriously or grudgingly? Where are we in all these? This is the message for today-that you and I should be appreciative of all that He has done for us in Christ Jesus even before the foundation of the earth. We owe Him our all as we are absolutely nothing without His Grace and fervor. We are all what we are by His power and might. Today we are in the physical. Tomorrow we are no more around physically, even though we are with and in Him in the spiritual. So why won't you thank Him as often as the need is there for He alone is worthy of all our praises. Alleluia.

PRAY you are there in His Praises all the days of your life amen, alleluia.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 22-23; Titus 1

NOVEMBER 1ST TRANSGRESSION IS INDICATIVE OF ABSENCE OF THE FEAR OF GOD IN ONE'S HEART

READ Psalm 36:1 "TRANSGRESSION [like an oracle] speaks to the wicked deep in his heart. There is no fear or dread of God before his eyes."

There is the need to analyze as much as we are given the Grace, His Grace really what is truly intended here in this piece of Scripture. To start with, by transgression is meant the violation of the Laws of God Almighty whether knowingly or otherwise. If it is deliberate, then that worsens the matter. But sin and sinning which are other nomenclatures for transgression are the violation of the set laws of the Almighty. Then let us ask ourselves; why would any break the set Laws of God? There are possible reasons here proffered. One, it may be out of ignorance which is no excuse any way for everyone owes it a duty to his Maker to learn and come into the knowledge of His Laws. Secondly, it may be out of being carefree, again which indicates a gross lack of who God is. Thirdly, it may be damning the consequences of such breakage. Whatever the reason for breaking the Laws of the Almighty, what is clear is the absence of the appropriate fear of the Almighty. Severally in the Scripture particularly in Job 28, it is stated that the fear of God is the running away of evil. This presupposes that the one who will avoid sinning against his Maker must first be aware of those sins to avoid doing them. He must thus be given to learning and knowing Scripture. He must not be unknowledgeable in matters of divine wisdom. In short he must care for the Laws of God and must be committed to keeping them. In conclusion, he must have His knowledge in him to fear Him. So where are you and I in all these issues of His knowledge? Remain blessed in Him permanently, amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in His Righteous Laws for all nations, alleluia, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 24-26; Titus 2

NOVEMBER 2ND KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE HEART OF THE EVIL MAN

READ Psalm 36:4 "He plans wrongdoing on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject or despise evil."

Three features of the evil doers are listed and enumerated in the piece we are to consider today. First, we are given the picture of the night of the transgressor. Do not forget that a transgressor is one in whose mind there is not the fear of the Almighty. For all he cares, God may not even exist at all. Thus in his sleep or during his time on his bed at night, he could only plan wrongdoing. Wrongdoing thus becomes another name for the transgressor or his act of transgressing. While the righteous meditates on the Word and Way of the Lord on his bed thinking of how to bring himself into the way of righteousness while praying forgiveness for the inadequacies already committed before falling into a righteous sleep, the wrongdoer sets out ways of perfecting evil the next day. In most cases, the powers that be in most nations and cultures use the dark of the night to meet physically in their evil dens. Secondly, we see the wrongdoer setting himself in a way that is not good; not good in the sense that it is opposed

blatantly to the Way of righteousness. This is his second feature after planning his wrongdoing. In other words, he gives vent to his earlier plan as he does not repent of same but is determined to see same to fruition. Finally, the transgressor refuses to reject that which is evil or despise that which he knows is unrighteous. This is the crux of the whole issue. It is not a matter of ignorance any more. It is a deliberate act of transgression as God would have dropped righteousness in his heart even after conceiving of same at some point and somehow. Do not forget that we are told that Jesus as the Light lightens all who comes into the earth as seen in John 1:9. Do not associate any more with evil doing from today. Amen.

PRAY you will never ever give up on doing good or let evil overwhelm you as to doing same

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 27-29; Titus 3

NOVEMBER 3RD KNOWING ENOUGH OF THE LORD'S MERCY AND LOVING-KINDNESS

READ Psalm 36:5 "Your mercy and loving-kindness, O Lord extend to the skies, and Your faithfulness to the clouds."

The mercies of the Lord God and His compassion both of which can be loosely classified as His loving-kindness made up of two words which almost are synonymous in their meanings, are the focus of our present discussions. In that they are available for all to see and acknowledge, no one has any reason for not being righteous as not to take advantage of them. They are there for every person sent into this earth. In Romans 1:20 we are told thus: "*Forever since the creation of the world His invisible nature and attributes, that is, His eternal power and divinity, have been made intelligible and clearly discernible in and through the things that have been made (His handiwork). So [men] are without any defense or justification],"* meaning in part that no one who is man and His creation needs any special tutelage to knowing God as His works of creation of which man is lord are evidence of His perfection and Lordship. This is the same thing as saying He conceives of creation and sustenance of all created by Him. He so much loves us all that no one created by Him is devoid of ability to live within His created world. Even our animals otherwise called pets because of their domicile nature and those that are untamed in the bush are made intelligible of His mercifulness and loving-kindness. Otherwise how is it that the lion is created strong, powerful, and with enough speed and strength to daily kill and munch his various and varying preys! Glory is God in the highest heavens, alleluia, amen.

PRAY you will not close up on the Light of the universe to your own detriment and none else

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 30-31; Philemon

NOVEMBER 4TH THE FINAL END OF THE WORKERS OF INIQUITY

READ Psalm 36:12 "There the workers of iniquity fall and lie prostrate; they are thrust down and shall not be able to rise."

As variously noted in Scripture, perdition of the greatest imagination awaits all who habitually reject the Truth and choose the evil and in this die. There is no doubt God never intends any to die for this will negate His creative zeal. No. He certainly never created us to be vain, vile, and wasted. He never had this in mind. But having made us lord of all His creation unsolicited for and matched same with bequeathing us with freewill the same that enables us to dispense justice in His set out way if we so desire, He has also decided to hold us accountable for our various and varying choices. We cannot run away from the consequences of the choices we make or refuse to make. This much He clearly delineates in His manual of living otherwise called the Holy Scripture. For those who accept the Righteousness of His Son by faith and abides therein until the end is given eternal life with Him in the New City. For those who will not accept His Righteousness by Faith, His Faith really, but will go about fashioning their own righteousness by will and work is prepared eternal doom in the Lake of fire that burns out not where the worms of the wicked will forever remain burning. Isaiah the prophet ended his writing along this line when he noted: *"And they shall go forth and gaze upon the dead bodies of the [rebellious] men who have stepped over against Me; for their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all mankind."-Isaiah 66:20.* In other words, just as the righteous will reign with the Lord in the New City, the natural human who will people the new earth and who will fulfill the goal set for the first Adam will have the opportunity to gaze at the rebellious in the Lake of Fire where Satan, Death, and Hades will burn perpetually. Save yourself from this eternal unprecedented fire. Come to Christ now.

PRAY you are not left out of eternity Life and consigned to eternity death

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 32-33; Hebrews 1

NOVEMBER 5TH BEING DILIGENT AND FORWARD LOOKING AS THE LORD HAS PURPOSED

READ Acts of the Apostles 25:3 "Asking as a favor that he would have him brought to Jerusalem; [meanwhile] they were planning an ambush to slay him on the way."

When God purposes for the individual, the individual has a responsibility to guard that purpose of God for him with the whole of his life, failing which he has himself to blame. God's purpose for the apostle Paul was to stand before the emperor Caesar to witness to His name. Severally in his ministration and ministry, this had been revealed to him particularly as he stood trial before the governors. For the Jews to ask that he be returned to Jerusalem from where he was brought down in the first instance and be retried as it were smacked of suspicion. No doubt it had a surreptitious plan against his person. He needed not God again to tell him to turn out this dastard plan of retrogression not just because it endangered his life but more so because it vitiated God's purpose for him. So playing on the loophole in the Laws of the Land the same that enabled him to appeal, the apostle Paul took this escape route to appeal unto Caesar before whose judgment seat he was standing. How smart are you in matters of intelligence? How much good do you put your God-given-intelligence in matters of the ministry? And the purpose of your being, how much of this are you availing yourself with? How much do you know about your

divine being let alone those given under your care? You have to know this. You must come into the knowledge of the Almighty so that you can be most blessed in His Way for which you are existing. God blesses you amen.

PRAY you are able to appropriate all that the Lord has purposed for you while here on earth

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 34-36; Hebrews 2

NOVEMBER 6TH EVANGELISM IS NO CRIME

READ Acts of the Apostles 25:8 "Paul declared in [his own] defense, Neither against the Law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended in any way."

As Christians, we are to be aware and conversant of the Laws of the country in which we are operating and to ensure that we are never running contrary to same. We are not just citizens of the heavens; but we are as long as we are here in this earth, citizens of same. As a result, we should give to Caesar that which is his and give unto God Almighty that which is exclusively His too. Not doing either is inimical to the Gospel we are commissioned to propagate as we also live same. As a matter of fact and divine truth, being this knowledgeable will be of added advantage to us and to the people whose lives we want to bring into the Gospel ministration. Here the apostle Paul declared he offended none. Not the Laws of the Jews who considered themselves special to the Lord God they refused to know and acknowledge; or against the Laws of the temple which referred to the Laws of administering and use of the temple then or the Laws which the emperor Caesar who was the head of the colonizing power then promulgated. This shows his being all rounds worthy of the culture, civilization, and conduct of his time. How knowledgeable are you in all these? When last did you read and study the constitution of your country not to talk of the countries in which you are required to minister? How much of the culture and social norms of your people do you and are you willing to know? These are issues we should all give proper attention to. I end today's talk thus: "*And show your own self in all respects to be a pattern and a model of good deeds and works, teaching what is unadulterated, showing gravity [having the strictest regard for truth and purity of motive], with dignity and seriousness."-Titus 2:7.* Remain blessed in His Grace always. Amen.

PRAY you are ever increasing in His true knowledge of the Word

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 37-39; Hebrews 3

NOVEMBER 7TH APPEALING UNTO YOUR CAESAR

READ Acts of the Apostles 25:11 "If then I am a wrongdoer and a criminal and have committed anything worthy for which I deserve to die, I do not beg off and seek to escape death; but if there is no ground for their accusations against me, no one can give me up and make a present of me [give me up freely] to them. I appeal to Caesar

Appealing in this case is nothing but falling back on your God ordained and God given rights as entrenched in the Laws of the country in which you are officiating and making the best use of your God given abilities. Of a truth, one must use all that one is endowed with to sustain and preserve one's life. To do otherwise is to be foolish in no small measure. This is the focus of today. Let me amuse you a bit. When I was in Primary six at Baptist Day School Zaria, Kaduna State of Nigeria, I was just fascinated to commit this particular verse to memory the same which I still remember until today. Of course, not the *Amplified Bible* Version if it was in existence then. I was talking of 1965 or so. It must have been the King James' Version then. I was just drawn to the bravery of this man whom I knew not then as he was stoutly defending his life among those committed to terminating same. Thank God I now know better. The point is the apostle Paul like other martyrs of his kind never for once considered their lives worthy of anything. After all, their Savior and Lord also gave up His own life as required by the Father; but not before the appointed time. This is the point I want to impress on us all. You have a responsibility to do all in your power to defend not just the Gospel committed to your trust, but also your life for only the living preach the Gospel. Being articulate in your use of the word as well as the Laws of the land is a great advantage to you and to us all. When it was eventually time for the apostle to be sacrificed as seen in 2 Timothy 4, he was most ready as he willingly gave up his life but not until the appointed time. So defend your life with your all and be a blessing to all at the same time. God bless you abundantly, amen.

PRAY you know when and how to appeal to your Caesar and when it is to God only you appeal

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 40-42; Hebrews 4

NOVEMBER 8TH FORCING YOUR FESTUS TO CONCUR WITH YOU

READ Acts of the Apostles 25:12 "Then Festus, when he had consulted with the [men who formed his] council, answered, You have appealed to Caesar, to Caesar you shall go."

You will recollect that both Felix and Festus who took over from him as governor knew the fact of the case of the apostle Paul. For fear of the people and for want of unrighteous gain in the form of bribery, they kept Paul behind the bar and in chains without feeding him but just in line with God's appointment for His saint. God will use just anything and everything necessary and found in you to promote His will in you. At the appointed time when it was right for Paul to move; at the time when he had accomplished all he needed to have accomplished in the vicinity of the Jews, it was time for him to move to other areas where his services in the propagation of the Gospel was needed, God forced the unrighteous judges of His righteous saint to concur with his appeal. Today, God had forced all your adversaries to give up on you in line with His purpose for your life. Of recent and also in this Devotional, I have taught through His revelation that I have no business with no one except God. Whatever I am going through, my appeal is to God and not to any other. Once it is time in His opinion for my deliverance and salvation no one will ever be able to stop me as decreed by Him. Until then, He would allow all *allowables* to play their permitted games as necessary. Christ died and when it was the third day, the Bible says He

was raised up because it was impossible for death to keep Him beyond that allowed time. Job too could not be killed by Satan nor persecuted beyond the allowed time. And when God replenished him for another 140 years, death and Hades were powerless. The enemies of your soul will be made powerless too at the appointed time. Just continue to glorify God Almighty.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 43-45; Hebrews 5

NOVEMBER 9TH KNOWING THE JESUS OF NAZARENE REGARDLESS OF WHAT OTHERS CALL HIM

READ Acts of the Apostles 25:19 "Instead they had some points of controversy with him about their own religion or superstition and concerning one Jesus, Who had died but Whom Paul kept asserting [over and over] to be alive."

Hear the unbeliever here writing to the Emperor, his Emperor really and referring to Christ the Nazarene as one Jesus Who was dead. It was true our Lord Jesus died and was buried. But because it was simply impossible for death to keep Him beyond the permitted days as decreed by God Almighty, He rose from the dead with all the righteous saints from Adam to the last person including all the patriarchs as noted in Scriptures as their graves broke open by the overwhelming power of God Who alone does all things. You and I have to be sure of our Faith and the truth of same. There is no going back on this. Jesus Christ is the Lord and God of all as He is in His Father WHO ALONE created all things in and through Him. It doesn't matter what anybody says of Jesus and our Faith. What counts is the truth of the Gospel which is given to you and me. Christ the Savior and Lord died for our sins. Suffering for righteousness is to be desired. Indeed, no one who is truly righteous can be without his own portion of His suffering. That is what it is to bear one's cross of His own Cross and follow after the Master and Lord all the days of our lives and living. Are you living righteous? Are you living in such a way as to quieten and shut the mouths of all critics? The letter of the governor contained no criminal charge against His saint. Live in like manner. Christ the King you know died for His doing good and confessing to be the Son of God. He was no criminal or villain. Live absolutely in like manner and be blessed.

PRAY you will only live righteous always in His Grace amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 46-47; Hebrews 6

NOVEMBER 10TH PROCLAIMING CHRIST THE KING THROUGH HIS PERSECUTION

READ Acts of the Apostles 25:22 "Then Agrippa said to Festus, I also desire to hear the man myself. Tomorrow, [Festus] replied, you shall hear him."

When an orange is most sweet says the Yoruba adage, one does not stop after taking just one. This is also true of the Gospel of Christ. Where one is truthfully proclaiming it as decreed and to His Glory, one is assured of God working His way through one's speech. It was true of the Master and Savior Himself when King Herod required to be honored with His presence in His palace through his request from Pilate the Roman governor. This is what is playing itself back here. King Agrippa wanted to hear the Gospel too so that he would be without any excuse in

heaven if he went into hell fire. Are your proclamations of the Gospel this effective as to want the powers that be to request your presence without monetary gains? Are you desirous of wanting to be used to His Glory in whatever manner required? These and many other questions you need to pose to yourself and answer such that you will eventually not be a letdown. When last did you suffer for His cross and to what extent? When next are you willing so to do and in what capacity? I urge you in the Name above all names to give your all to the Gospel of the Savior and Lord God of all. Do not just believe. Go out and preach. If no one had preached to you in whatever form, chances are that you will not believe. You go and replicate what God has planted in you. Remain blessed in Him permanently. Amen.

PRAY you will preach the Gospel to the extent of the anointing in you in His Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 48-49; Hebrews 7

NOVEMBER 11TH FINDING NO EVIL IN YOU

READ Acts of the Apostles 25:25 "But I found nothing that he had done deserving of death. Still, as he himself appealed to the emperor, I determined to send him to Rome."

Not too long ago in this medium, I was led to minister to us all on the need for us to be guiltless in the face of the Law of the country wherein we evangelize the Scripture in whatever level. We need not suffer for being criminals or transgressors of the Laws of the land wherein we domicile. This is no righteous suffering or experiencing persecution for His Cross. Remember He suffered for no just cause. Hence the Righteous suffered for the unrighteous; the Just for the unjust. Herein lays the glorification of the Lord God Almighty. In the same way all martyrs of His were guiltless of any known laws of the land. They were to die and indeed died just for being the followers of Christ the Nazarene. From Stephen the first deacon to die such a death to the apostle Paul here, the story is the same. Here is the testimony of the governor himself just as that of the unrighteous Pilate against Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. But that the Scriptures be fulfilled; Pilate was empowered from above to rule against Him. If we are true believers of Him too, we must be equally guiltless before the Laws of the land. This we will do in His power and power alone. Be blessed in His Grace ever more always, amen.

PRAY you and I suffer not as criminals or offenders of the Law.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 50; Hebrews 8

NOVEMEMBER 12TH HAVING NOTHING INCRIMINATING TO WRITE AGAINST YOU

READ Acts of the Apostles 25:26 "[However] I have nothing in particular and definite to write to my lord concerning him. So I have brought him before all of you and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after [further] examination has been made, I may have something to put in writing."

I pray in the Name above every other names named and yet to be named both in the ages past and those to come that the will of the Mighty and Everlasting Father Omnipotent be fulfilled in our lives. By this is meant that it comes into fruition through our walking and deliberate cooperation and submission to Him regardless of the impact and pains it will cause our physical bodies. Why? For ultimately, this earthly and physical bodies of ours must give way at the fullness of time for that which is permanent and everlasting in the complete image of His Son the Very Reverend and Savior Jesus Christ of Nazareth. To this I say a big amen. It does not matter what the enemies of our souls cook up. What matters is the purposive will of the Father for us. Once we are in the Faith and in His Holiness, we are assured of His purpose coming to pass in our lives. We need not conform to and with the world. There is no need so to do. Rather we are to bear our crosses which really are sections of His Cross on our daily living all through our earthly sojourn. The apostle Paul had to endure imprisonment and torture despite the fact that his judges all agreed he was not guilty of any known law because God wanted Him to go to the emperor and preach the Gospel through that means. The possibilities are there God could have used other means. But having chosen a means, all others are void. Be of good cheers brother, you are most blessed in Him alleluia.

PRAY you are most obedient in submission to His Word

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 51-52; Hebrews 9

NOVEMBER 13TH WHY GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY?

READ Psalm 107:1 "O GIVE thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever."

Whether or not we want to accept it, one thing every creature be it human or otherwise owe the Creator is thanksgiving and always too. There is no other thing we could best give or owe Him more than this. Think of it this way. Who among all His creatures went begging to be made what he or she is? Who enables us to live in our environment the way we do? The power of cohabitation that we all exhibit in various ways; who equips us so with? Our sustenance and all to whom do we owe all? Should there be famine for instance, how well will we all survive? In matters of religion and the knowledge of God; this is talking of us the higher primates; who equips us with the consciousness of the Supreme Being? Without His manual for our existence the same that various nationalities fashioned out as their constitution by which they live and are governed, how crude would our living have been? These and many others I cannot now relay are only some of the reasons why we owe Him thanks all the days of our lives. How well have I been doing this? How perfectly will I do same henceforth? These are enough reasons to gladly and painstakingly praise and bless the Lord Most High always. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are most grateful to Him all days of your living here and yonder

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Lamentations 1-2; Hebrews 10:1-18

NOVEMBER 14TH THE REDEEMED OF HIS OWE HIM THIS MUCH

READ Psalm 107:2 "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has delivered from the hand of the adversary."

If no one will bless the Lord always and only, the redeemed of His whom He alone has redeemed in His Grace owe Him this much. Thanksgiving is gratefulness which even Satan loves and demands. No one hates being appreciated and we all love being so blessed. Where do you think we get this sense from? It is certainly part of our innate beings that we are so blessed with by the Savior as we are a prototype of Him. Apart from His mercies and loving-kindness which are enormous as endless, we the redeemed of His in His Grace need to appreciate His deliverance of us from our various and varying adversaries. They are as numerous as the stars of heaven and we least comprehend their power and formidability. Yet in all these, He has preserved us and kept us unto Himself just as the apple of His eyes. Why not praise and bless Him for Who He is and for what He has done for us in Christ Jesus! The Lord is good and blessed more than any all other beings anywhere. To Him be Glory and honor both now and forever more amen, alleluia. Propagate His loving-kindness over you always and today in particular so that for each day of your living you are so blessed enormously in Him the Savior and Lord. Alleluia.

PRAY you are most blessed and soaked in His praises always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Lamentations 3-5; Hebrews 10:19-39

NOVEMBER 15TH KNOWING THERE IS DELIVERANCE IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE

READ Psalm 107:6 "Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from out of their distresses."

The ideal situation is for one to be righteously glued to the Lord all the days of one's life regardless of the vicissitudes of life. In this ideal situation, one is at home in the Lord. It is of little regard therefore if at this point in time one suffers reversal of fortune or not. It is part and parcel of the total package of salvation. Nevertheless there are many instances of people who only seek and find God Almighty in their hours of reversals and the likes. Whether or not they will take advantage of that situation to return to following the LORD is another matter entirely. But I am of the opinion that at whatever level, one needs to find God regardless of what is driving one to Him. Accepted, it is most blessed to seek Him when it is not late or riotous. But if seeking Him in such instances is your portion or you have so made it, I think it is better than not seeking Him at all. This is the relevance of today's ministration. Israel in the wilderness and out of same sought Him genuinely almost in their trials. Yet He was most gracious enough to allow Himself to be found by them. It will be worse to do otherwise in times of trouble especially. Never ever seek other gods that are no gods really any time. Always seek the Living God of all ages all the times of your life. You are most blessed in Him alleluia.

PRAY you will always seek Him when He can and will be found

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 1-2; Hebrews 11:1-19

NOVMBER 16TH OH THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE AND CONFESS THE LORD GOD

READ Psalm 107:8 "Oh, that men would praise [and confess to] the Lord for His goodness and loving-kindness and His wonderful works to the children of men!

How I wish all could see the innate divine meaning loaded in this one verse that is too many. As a matter of truth, there wouldn't have been need again to write on same. But because we are variously and differently gifted not to talk of the differentials in timing of our calling, we need to write on this. There is the much need for the sons of men of which I am a part and not a mean part in that He has called me in His Grace alone to shepherd His flock, to always praise and confess the Righteousness, Graciousness, and indeed the loving-kindness of the Almighty not to talk of His ever faithfulness to all His creatures the man being prime. Severally in this Devotional, I have noted the exceptional love and marvelous kindness of God to us sons of men in creating us in His own personal image and in none else. Angels for this are marvelously jealous I would say of us. This is not to tell of the truth that they the angels learn of salvation through us. What is more, we sons of men in our glorified state will judge the angels. So why won't we praise and confess Him in all situations whether favorable or not and whether we understand same or not? God is good always and I make bold to add that He is never bad or evil. Take advantage of this today and see His goodness as never before, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are blessed in His blessedness to us all always. Amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 3-4 Hebrews 11:20-40

NOVEMBER 17TH WHY GOD WILL BOW DOWN YOUR HEAD WITH HARD LABOR

READ Psalm 107:11 "Because they had rebelled against the words of God and spurned the counsel of the Most High."

Verse 11 quoted above is the follow up of the reason for verse 12 that comes after same. God had to bow the heads of His own people with and in hard labor because of their rebellion to Him by disregarding His Word. By nature, man is rebellious since the fall in Eden. He has to be compelled to learn obedience through suffering. Even Jesus for choosing to come in the form of the sinful and fallen man had to learn obedience through what He suffered. This much we are told in Hebrews 5:8ff. Out of His love for us and His graciousness, God will always beat us to submission by allowing us to reap the other side of His Being when we sin and habitually too. When we are caught in the deceitfulness of sin and are almost aligned to its false sweetness, God is left with no option than to let us see what it is to serve strange gods as it were and in strange lands when we reject serving Him in His Grace. Severally, this theme is explored in Scripture. God you want to be reminded is not changing as He is the same from eternity to eternity. If we neglect His love that is genuine and true, He will delight in opening us up to

servitude. This is His nature and this is what the Psalter here in this Psalm is impressing on us all. Won't you hearken to Him today and turn a new leaf? I pray you do. Amen.

PRAY you are able to foresee the implication of ever rebelling and avoid same now

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 5-7; Hebrews 12

NOVEMBER 18TH KNOWING HIM AS THE LIFE OF ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS

READ John 1:5 "In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men"

In this one piece too many, we are presented with some home truth about the divine Godhead again in His Grace such that we being this knowledgeable will never go amiss or allow ourselves to be swept underfoot of ignorance. First is the proclamation that in the Person of Jesus Christ the Lord and Savior of all who believe and those who will not believe by choice is Life. Life here is living both here and yonder. Outside of Him is no Life both here and yonder too where yonder means in eternity. He is Life encompassed and in Him is Life planted, nurtured, and grown into fullness. The implication being all outside of Him are dead, simple. Secondly, we are presented with the truth that this Life of God in Christ Jesus is also the Light of all men whether they believe or not. But He is not just the Light of men but the Light of the entire universe including of course the heavenly. But in particular, this Light of God in Christ the Nazarene lights all men who have ever pilgrimaged this earth or will ever so do. In some the Light is glowing. In others, it is smoldering. While yet in others, it is already dead as they too are dead and buried in the sins of the world. So where are you in all these or where are you supposed to be in these? You are supposed to allow the Light of the Godhead in you to so shine that people seeing same will glorify God the Father Who alone fashioned you in His image and who has bestowed His Love, His Light, indeed, His all in all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PRAY you appropriate your all in Christ Jesus as you activate His Life and Light in you always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 8-10; Hebrews 13

NOVEMBER 19TH WHEN YOU WILL HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD IN YOUR COURSE

READ Acts of the Apostles 11:1 "NOW THE apostles (special messengers) and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard [with astonishment] that the Gentiles (heathen) also had received and accepted and welcomed the Word of God [the doctrine concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God]."

There is a day God has specially marked out for you to hear the news of your breakthrough. There is a day set out by the Almighty for Him to bless you as never before in your life. There is this unique day of His in which all your woes and cries will be ameliorated and you will be a new creature of His in your attainment of blessedness in Jesus Christ as never before in your life. Today is that day I am led to prophesy to you. Believe the Word of God given to you from my humble mouth today and begin to see the Lord God in your life as never before. There was a day

Jesus was conceived in the mind of God the Father. That was the day He made up His mind to give mankind the salvation needed for our deliverance. There was a day God in Christ was conceived in His mother's womb. Yet there was a day He was born in a manger in little Bethlehem. There was a day He died on the Cross of the Romans at Calvary. This day also marked His burial and yet, there was a day He was resurrected to earth from the grave before proceeding to heaven forty days thereafter. There was this day He sat on the right hand of His Father from where He is interceding for you and me. Today is your day of breakthrough and all Christian brethren will hear and rejoice. This day is today and the time is NOW. AMEN.

PRAY you will abide in this day the Lord has fashioned for you specially

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 11-13; James 1

NOVEMBER 20TH RELATING THE SEEING OF GOD'S HOLY ANGELS

READ Acts of the Apostles 11:13 "And he related to us how he had seen the angel in his house which stood and said to him, Send men to Joppa and bring Simon who is surnamed Peter."

I am one of the conservative theologians. This much I confess without planning ever to stop being a conservative. One of the features of this is the belief in the existence of angels as higher messengers of God in Christ now. Later in eternity Life, we shall be made more glorious than them. As a prophet of the Living God, I have also been privileged to see visions of the Living God like the prophet and priest Ezekiel was given to see in the first chapter of his book. My experience of visions and dreams of the Lord has made me to desire and pray that any and all I will be led to minister to by the power of the Living God be given the Grace, His Grace really to see heaven and the Lord God of the heavens. Angels you want to be reminded do not do anything unless sent by God. They are also free agents of His. But unlike us, it is believed that they lack the ability to repent. As more obedient specie than the man, when any angel is seen in a vision in this dispensation, you are sure he bears the true message of the Living God. That was the kind of experience the apostle and prophet Peter had and relayed to the other apostles as here enumerated. You too will experience the heavenly; indeed, you will see the Lord God in His Glory here on earth before you are translated into the heavenly in higher glory. This is my prayer for you today. When you experience this, do me a favor and indeed, the House of God by writing to testify. It is an experience you will not soon forget. Yet, it is nothing compared to experiencing Him Himself. Amen.

PRAY you experience the heavenly here on earth as many times as Their Excellencies will decree

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 14-15; James 2

NOVEMBER 21ST ANGELS AS HIGHER MESSENGERS OF HIS

READ Acts of the Apostles 11:14 "He will give and explain to you a message by means of which you and all your household [as well] will be saved [from eternal death]."

You have to agree with me that there is a lot of wrong doctrines flying around the Christian Faith. Indeed, they are as old as the Christian faith itself. The apostle Paul mentioned this as some so called believers during his time preached that the resurrection was come and gone then. Another was the wrong belief that the day of the Lord was soon coming then forcing believers to resign their jobs and awaited death that was not soon coming. This was the major reason of the writing of the second Thessalonians. Of our days, we have the wrong doctrine of either denying the existence of angels or wrongly preaching that they are presently under mankind because of the allusion to the truth that we the redeemed saints will judge them in eternity Life. [See 1 Corinthians 6]. The point I am making here as led by Him is to let you know that angels of God exist even now and will so do into eternity. Indeed, Christ will descend from heaven with the arch angels of His at the rapture. This also is seen in 2 Thessalonians 3:13ff. They are indeed higher messengers of His as they relate direct to Him without seeing Him face to face. They in this capacity bear His instructions to us sons of men. Gabriel who stands before Him was sent to both Zechariah and his wife as well as to the Virgin Mary. Before this, he had been sent to Daniel in the land of the Chaldeans. Michael another angel of His, an archangel really fought the war of the Lord and actually led same against Satan as seen in Revelation 12:7. So do not be misled. Angels, like you and I are ministering spirits of His Excellency. Praise the Lord Most High Now and forever more.

PRAY you are imbibing only the true Christian doctrines and nothing more

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 16-17; James 3

NOVEMBER 22ND KNOWING THAT GOD SEES ALL BELIEVERS EQUAL IN THE FAITH 1

READ Acts of the Apostles 11:16 "Then I recalled the declaration of the Lord, how He said, John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with (be placed in, introduced into) the Holy Spirit."

To all intents and purposes, God sees all His children in the Faith as equal. That is why there is no partiality before the God of the heavens. Whatsoever a believer sows, that he would reap with the accruing interest whether good or evil. There is no specially favored with God when it comes to repaying us our deeds and worth. Although He as God knows all, yet, He does not leave us in doubt as to His standard of judgment and righteousness. This informs His sending John the baptizer ahead of His Son who was baptizing also in the Jordan river but only with water; and who also witnessed that the Lord and God Himself soon came, Who alone would baptize with the Holy Ghost fire. This fire we know is the power of the Holy Spirit which all true believers will be enabled with to be who and what He alone has decided before time. Whether you are Greek or Barbarian, where ever you may come from, no one will be His who is not Holy Ghost baptized as become appropriate. Even the Lord Jesus Christ was anointed with the Holy Ghost and power before He went about doing good. The Holy Ghost thus becomes and indeed is the unifying power of all believers. No one who is truly born again will lack the Holy Spirit for

this is our identity uniformly. Are you this knowledgeable! It is time you do for your own good and in the interest of your calling. Praise the Lord Most High. Alleluia.

PRAY you are into the Lord as much as He is into you and always reverence His Holy Name

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 18-19; James 4

NOVEMBER 23RD WHO ARE YOU TO INTERVENE IN THE WORKINGS OF THE ALMIGHTY?

READ Acts of the Apostles 11:17 "If then God gave to them the same Gift [equally] as He gave to us when we believed in (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on) the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I and what power or authority had I to interfere or hinder or forbid or withstand God?"

How I wish every minister of God particularly those who have had great workings of His performed through them can put these questions to themselves-who are they or even who am I no matter how little I am in His Presence to withstand Him? What am I outside of His workings and Grace that I should or would dare hinder in any way at all His ministration? Remember that the apostle, prophet, and priest Moses was equally faced with this temptation to think more of himself than he was actually placed in His Presence when his servant Joshua admonished him to forbid the twosome speaking in tongues from so doing. Recollect that Moses' answer was that if all living were prophets of the Most High God, how good would it have been? Or the baptizer John who was prompted to be jealous against his Lord and God Who came in the flesh then and whose ministry was advancing and growing at a rate then unprecedented. The answer he gave his disciples who were so uninformed was a man received nothing absolutely unless first given to Him from heaven. The implication being that only what is purposed for you by the Almighty will you ever appropriate. No more; no less; and absolutely at His time and timing. Accordingly, John concluded that Jesus must increase while he John must decrease. Where are you and I in all these? Are we reminding ourselves that after all we are what and who we are only by and in His Grace? So why bluff at all? It is well with you in Christ Jesus amen.

PRAY you are into the truth of His Being, Power, and Majesty all the time of your living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 20-21; James 5

NOVEMBER 24TH GOD WORKING HIS WAY THROUGH ALL SITUATIONS

READ Acts of the Apostles 11:19 "Meanwhile those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose in connection with Stephen had traveled as far away as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, without delivering the message [concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God] to anyone except Jews."

Our God works His way through any and all situations. Whether or not you believe this is irrelevant. That is the situation and the earlier you accept same and live by it the better. The Scripture in Romans 8:28 confirms this when it notes that all things work together for those who love God; for those who are called according to His purpose. This is the way the *Amplified Bible*

puts it*: "We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose."* It is His design that is the operative phrase here. He designs all things according to His way in time past and according to His purpose. It is His purpose. Thus what we see as unproductively evil and wicked in His own sight may be the only way forward. For instance the death of Christ on the Cross, His Cross really was nothing short of wickedness and injustice for the righteous Son of God. But He has decided long before the foundation of the earth to so bring mankind and all in the universe salvation. This is the same thing that happened in the case of Stephen the first martyr after the death of Christ. To all intent and purposes, we do not see the good in the death of a young promising man of Stephen's character. But we see for instance the spread of the Gospel through his death and the subsequent persecution of the disciples who all fled Jerusalem for Samaria and other Gentile world. They were those who pioneered the spread of the Gospel outside of Judea as planned by Him. Glory is Him in the highest heavens. Amen.

PRAY you are submissive to His way whether or not you fully comprehend His working

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 22-23; 1 Peter 1

NOVEMBER 25TH BEING WISE AND INTELLIGENT

READ James 3:13 "Who is there among you who is wise and intelligent? Then let him by his noble living show his faith his [good] works with the [unobtrusive] humility [which is the proper attribute] of true wisdom."

There is a sense in which the epistle of James as simple as it is can be seen as a wisdom book. Unlike other wisdom literatures in the Bible, it is not poetic as either Proverbs or Ecclesiastes for instance. This is an advantage sort of as it is straight forward to the point. This is the crux of today's message. It talks of being wise and intelligent the same that are defined and characterized here as nobility in humility. It is one thing to be humble. It is another matter entirely to be humbled. Being humble is generally submitting oneself to authority and denying oneself of one's true worth for the purpose of bringing the greatest good to the greatest number of people. To be humbled is to be forced into submission in the circumstance. Both do go together as they are not exclusive necessarily. When one is humbled and one reverently conducts himself submissively, one is of great wisdom that is of the heavenly. It is the same thing as patiently bearing one's cross without murmuring and either complaining. Israel wasn't able to bear this in the wilderness hence their frequent complaints that saw them perished through disobedience. This is the sense in which today's text is appropriate-that you and I should learn wisdom in being humble like the Savior Who like a sheep led to the slaughter opened not His mouth and died for you and I. Praise the Lord Most High.

PRAY you are in the wisdom that is heavenly and not satanic, earthly, and self-destructive

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 24-26; 1 Peter 2

NOVEMBER 26TH NOT BEING EARTHLY AND SATANICALLY WISE

READ James 3:15 "This [superficial] wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual (animal), even devilish (demoniacal)."

In this verse and in its simplicity, the features of the wisdom that is not of God which we alluded to yesterday are listed. These are its superficiality. By this is meant it is fake and not genuine; as a result, it pretends to be what it is not as it fakes the original which is heavenly. Its lack of humility however gives it up. Next is its being earthly sourced, meaning it cannot be linked with the heavenly. It is not motivated and sourced from the Author and Finisher of the universe. Rather, it has Satan as its source and finisher. As a result, it cannot be said to be divinely spiritual even though it is sourced from a spirit. In other words, it is antithetical to divine spirituality as it is most carnal and ungodly. To put it bluntly, it is animalistic in that it promotes the animalistic tendencies in man as opposed to suppressing these and elevating the supernatural. In this way it can never be beneficial to man but is essentially destructive. What is more, we see the last feature of same which is being what it is truly-demoniacal. To be demoniacal is to be demon sourced. You will realize that Satan didn't fall alone from the lofty height to which God had placed him. Rather, he fell with a third of the heavenly angels who from thence are demons faking the true angelic beings and disposing their original God given abilities to evil usage. So how wise are you and I today? What features of godly wisdom are found in you or is it the ungodly, devilish, and the satanic that are in your wisdom? Only you can be most true to yourself. Come to God today and be a blessing unto yourself. Amen.

PRAY you are wise truly in the Most High God and in none others

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 27-29; 1 Peter 3

NOVEMBER 27TH KNOWING THE FEATURES OF THE HEAVENLY WISDOM

READ James 3:17 "But the wisdom from above is first of all pure (undefiled); then it is peace-loving, courteous (considerate, gentle). [It is willing to] yield to reason, full of compassion and good fruits; it is wholehearted and straightforward, impartial and unfeigned (free from doubts, wavering, and insincerity)."

Whereas very little is said in terms of the features of the earthly and demoniacal wisdom which parades as being heavenly, Scripture leaves no one in doubt as to what constitutes true heavenly wisdom. These features here listed are almost exhaustive to put it mildly. First, it is to be noted in its purity which talks of its non-defilement. Next is its peaceful nature which negates all harassment and hooliganism. More than this it is courteous meaning gentle and gentlemanly in all its approach and implementations. Again it finds room for reason and reasonability as man is created rational by the Almighty. Just as it is of God, it is full of compassion as opposed to wickedness in which case it identifies with the good fruits of the spiritual person who is Holy Spirit filled. Our God is simple as all issues pertaining to His knowledge are simple and straightforward. As a result, a godly wisdom sourced from above is equally wholehearted and

straightforward defying all manipulations. It is impartial as it seeks and gives justice to all who are graced to come in contact with it. In its simplicity and straightforwardness, it is not pretentious meaning it is not feigned in any way or manner. As a result, it is free from all doubts that are inimical to faith and faithing; and is unwavering as it is made to believe all things of God and lacks insincerity as it is most sincere and honest. Can you identify with these features in your display of wisdom His wisdom really?

PRAY you are in His righteous wisdom or rather all these features of His are in you

HIS BLOOD HS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 30-32; 1 Peter 4

NOVEMBER 28TH KNOWING HOW TO COME INTO HIS WISDOM

READ James 1:5 "If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him."

Having noted all the features of godly and divine wisdom, what is left is to explore the means of coming into same the same that today's Scriptural passage addresses soundly. The first step is to admit and acknowledge one's deficiency in godly wisdom. This is very crucial as a denial of one's need or problem is a wrong step in the wrong direction. One who will not accept being sick will never easily find solution to his ailment as no one will be willing to assist a self-denying person. But admission of deficiency in godly wisdom is the first right step. Having acknowledged one's need of His wisdom, the next step is to ask for same but not just from anybody. As a matter of divine truth, one needs ask only from the Lord God Almighty Who in this instance is described as the Giving God. This means in part that any who will truly seek Him and request Him for His wisdom in Christ Jesus will automatically be given as there is no record of any who has asked genuinely and rightly and has been refused. What is more, not only is He a Giving God or better put the Giving God, but in addition to His qualification, He also gives without reproach meaning without any faultfinding as is the case with the satanic axis. Thus, once these two steps of first acknowledging one's need and addressing same to God Almighty, one has same already and grows in godly wisdom. You are this simply close to being a god in His wisdom. Amen.

PRAY you are always true and sincere to the Lord God Almighty in your requests and quests

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 33-34; 1 Peter 5

NOVEMBER 29TH GOING INTO THE HOUSE OF GOD DEJECTEDLY; THE MIRACLE THAT FOLLOWS

READ Isaiah 37:1 "AND WHEN King Hezekiah heard it, he rent his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of the Lord."

There is no option for the true follower of Christ than to always bear their burdens upon Him Who is the Lord and Master-burden-bearer. Agreed, Christianity is yokish in that it involves bearing our crosses that has fashioned out of His; but never in our own powers. To start with we

have no power of our own nor can we ever so have one. What we have at all is our enablement the same that powers us as purposed by Him for the overall perfection of His Body here on earth. Accordingly, we are never expected to function on our own. No. Never are we blessed in this regards. If Jesus Christ the Master, Savior, and Lord God never ever functioned on His own, how can we if we are truly His? Never are we promised a burden-less living. No. We are never so promised. Instead we are assured of success in all life's vicissitudes because He has already overcome for us all. It is in this light that today's text is very relevant. The apostle, prophet and King Hezekiah received as it were a death letter of himself, his throne, and the entire people of God when he was most obedient to His Lord as he accomplished so much for Him. He didn't despair. No, he was never disillusioned. Yes! He was worried to say the least as anybody would. But unlike many, he knew where to address his complaints and how. He went into the House of the Lord the same that would now go for our churches today and spread the letter before His Excellency urging Him to intervene in his favor. God actually did this much and fought His own war. So why war for the Lord when He is most able so to do? Cast always your burden upon Him for He alone does care. Amen.

PRAY you will always cast all your burden upon Him the Master-Burden-Bearer

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 35-36; 2 Peter 1

NOVEMBER 30TH NOT FRETTING YOURSELF AT ALL

READ Psalm 37:1 "FRET NOT yourself because of evildoers, neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness (that which is not upright or in right standing with God)."

Fretting oneself you want to know is stressing oneself unnecessarily. You need not be anxious at all for any and all things. Once you are born again truly; once you are empowered by His Blood; once you know Him Who was, is, and Who will ever be and unchanging; once you daily take in His Flesh and His Blood in appropriate measure; you need not be bothered by anything. Any and all things will occur with and in His knowledge. Nothing chances into existence as the Lord Most High reigns in our lives. All that will ever happen to you is all that He has purposed and nothing will ever happen that He knows not about; that He has not equipped you for and empowered you to prevail over. Nothing will ever surprise Him for He Himself is Supreme to and in all things surprise inclusive. Even when we least understand what He is doing, one thing we know is that He is faithful and all that He has ever done is good in the ultimate. What I should do in occasions that dictate fretting is being stable, composed, and trusting in His power alone. In this I am strengthened. Remember that because Jesus lives, and only because of this, I also shall live. There is no two ways to this. I am who and what I am today, and tomorrow while not overlooking yesterday because of Who and What Jesus was and is. It is this simple and perfect. So why fret when I know the Comforter is here in me? Why fret when I know He is in control? Why fret when He is the Savior and has saved me even before I know that I was lost in sin and perdition? I would rather praise and thank Him instead of fretting over anything. Alleluia, amen.

PRAY you rest assured in the powers and might of the Mighty Savior. Amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 37-39; 2 Peter 2

DECEMBER 1ST TRUSTING THE LORD AND DOING GOOD ALWAYS

READ Psalm 37:3 "Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, and truly you shall be fed."

It is one thing to come into the Faith that is Jesus by believing in Him. It is another thing entirely to trust in Him entirely as one leans on and confidently relies on Him. Although it is not expected for one to come into the Faith and not at the same time lean on Him, yet it occurs. This is so largely for not knowing His Word enough or not allowing Him to prove Himself in one's life. At other times, many believers are not learned enough to realize that believing in the Lord is not being immuned to persecution and trials. As a matter of divine truth, persecution and trials are allies of faithing in the Lord God Almighty. Anything short of this is false. In addition to this, there can be no faith in the Lord or demonstration of this outside of doing good; His good doing really in His power and might. Otherwise, we are like the faithless. Jesus Himself proved His messiahship only through the good works He went about doing in the power of the Holy Spirit the same that was thrusted on Him as it were by His Holy Spirit. Therefore all who must Faith in Him and must so confess same must work His righteousness in His good deed. This then is the message today the first day of the month of December to remind you and I that we need to work when the time is there as our Savior also did and is still doing. Behold the night comes when no one can really work again. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will work and are actually working His works all your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 40-41; 2 Peter 3

DECEMBER 2ND DELIGHTING YOURSELF IN THE LORD, WHAT IT MEANS REALLY

READ Palm 37:4 "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart."

To be the delight of the Lord is to be favored by Him. But how can one be favored by the Lord? Among many ways of attaining this bit, the one sure way is to be totally obedient to Him. No one can obey what he or she does not know or even attempt to knowing. The point is after coming into the Faith that is Jesus the Nazarene, the next step that is equally as important as knowing Him is feeding on His flesh and drinking His blood in appropriate dosage all days of one's life just as we do in our canal natural living. Any who comes to the Faith and fails to appropriate His flesh and blood in appropriate dosage cannot be in His favor. Having come into the knowledge of His Word, then comes the obedience of same in totality as half obedience in some instances is worse than not obeying at all. No one can obey Him without being so equipped. Once equipped in the power of the Holy Spirit, one needs to resolve like the young prophet Daniel not to get oneself polluted by the demands of our fast living. Being able to do this is being His delight. Yes! It sounds so simply. But in reality it is not because you are no

longer seeking to please yourself; rather you are seeking and actually working and walking to please the Lord God just as Christ our Lord pleased His Father in all things even when He had prayed to the contrary as seen in Gethsemane. This is being His delight the same that ensures you desire what He purposes for you thus assuring you of getting it. Amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are in His righteous work and walking all your living here

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 42-44; 1 John 1

DECEMBER 3RD COMMITING YOUR ALL TO THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the Lord [roll and repose each care of your load on Him]; trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) also in Him and He will bring it to pass."

No one who has come into the Faith that is Jesus truly and meaningfully, and who wants to abide in Him to the end of his life will fail to commit his or her life to the Savior. To start with, any who wants to lord over his or her life; any who wants to cling to his or her life; any who cannot let go of his or her life can and should not come into the Faith that is Jesus. For one thing, the life Christ Jesus lived here on earth was not His. 2 Corinthians 5:19 emphatically states that God the Father was in Christ Jesus when He pilgrimaged the world. This means the life He Jesus lived here was not His but that of His Father. In like manner, all who must walk with and in the Lord must willingly surrender his own life for that of the Savior. How? By willingly dying on the Cross of the Savior and by dying taking on the new life of Christ the same which is doing what Jesus will dictate as it is He Jesus Who inhabits the body of every and all believers. Asking you to commit your all to Him therefore after coming into the Faith is saying the obvious and should be well embraced by all true faithful. Once we come into this understanding, we have crossed the Rubicon of doubts and controversy. We have come into oneness with the Savior and we are already overcoming in His power. This then is the ABC of committal in the Lord God Almighty. Are you this knowledgeable? It is high time you are. Amen.

PRAY you are most committed in the Faith that is Jesus Christ the Nazarene, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 45-46; 1 John 2

DECEMBER 4TH BEING STILL AND RESTING IN THE LORD GOD

READ Psalm 37:7 "Be still and rest in the Lord; wait for Him and patiently lean yourself upon Him; fret not yourself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass."

Being still or waiting on the Lord is a virtue that almost takes the whole of our Christian life to master. Not a good many of us ever hear of this when believing or when coming into the Faith largely because of the manner of coming into the Lord. The reality of faithing in Him is following after Him as He alone has purposed even before your mother met your father. In other words, He has a program for you and I based entirely on His Mission of redemption. Where you fit in

and how you perform in same are the purpose of your living, the same that informs your call into the Faith. As a result, all that will come your way in life are already programmed even before you were born. Nevertheless, you are a free agent of His either within or outside of the Faith. As a result, you can either scuttle His purpose for your life for which you will receive a just recompense or you can allow Him to have His Way, not yours in your life or beg your pardon His life in you for which you will be adequately rewarded both here and there after your translation. Thus, when challenges of life rear their heads as they will inevitably do, you have to be still; you have to wait diligently on Him for Him only to instruct you on what next to do. You can't do otherwise. You must wait for Him and on Him whether or not you fully comprehend what He is doing or how He will do it. That is why we are in the Faith. If we would be made to know all, then faith is a waste. But it is not. Rather, it is the only way to live in Him. Are you this informed? It is good you are. Amen.

PRAY you are this committed in His Way of Life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 47-48; 1 John 3

DECEMBER 5TH CEASING FROM ANGER AND WRATH-THE HOW OF IT ALL

READ Psalm 37:8 "Cease from anger and forsake wrath; fret not yourself- it tends only to evildoing."

Ordinarily, anger is one of the emotions that make us human as we reflect this godly emotion. But since the fall of man in Eden, we have totally lost control of not just this emotion but almost all our emotions. So how can we take control of same? There is righteous anger as there are unrighteous instances of anger. We are concerned with how to manage our emotions particularly anger which is the focus now. By and large, I think it is a very simple thing. How do I mean taking note of my own personal weakness in this regard? It is simple I say again by His prompting. Once we commit our all to Him and thrust all our cares, worries, and anxieties upon Him even though we are admonished not to be anxious or worry, He would take on this burden upon Himself and overcome them on our behalf. Let me be more practical. If you and I will rely totally on God Almighty in our weaknesses and strong points, I can assure you that as the One Who alone fashions us in Christ Jesus, He would see us through. Our problem really is that we act solo most of the time thereby cutting Him off our being. If we would be still for a second to wait for His direction in any and all situation, we are winners already. But this kind of waiting has to be Holy Ghost prompted and induced. This means I have to grow up to this level by communing with the Lord God always as He would desire. Amen.

PRAY you are humble enough for Him to humble your emotions

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel 1-2; 1 John 4

DECEMBER 6TH WAITING ON HIM AS TO INHERIT THE EARTH

READ Psalm 37:9 "For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait and hope and look for the Lord [in the end] shall inherit the earth."

In His sermon on the mount as noted by the apostle Matthew in his Gospel, we are told that the meek are blessed in the Lord for they will inherit the earth. To be this meek is to say one is mild, patient, and long suffering. This is the feature that is being highlighted here in today's Scriptural piece. You will ultimately have your desires, and I mean all your righteous desires come to pass if and only if you submit to the will of the Savior to the end. This is being humble the same that is demoting yourself-worth so as to be who God wants you to be. It is taking your eyes off your true worth in the natural world but focusing instead on the worth of Christ as He hung on the cross. Does it mean He had no power to free Himself or to command that the entire earth be engulfed in fire while He is taken up in heaven? But how will the Scripture be fulfilled that He must first suffer? Long suffering is nothing but being submissive to suffer enough as God Himself will determine. My own suffering can be life time like that of Lazarus the pauper and the sore ridden. Yours may just last thirteen years of your 110 years on earth like Joseph. It doesn't matter a bit. What matters is my being able to comfortably bear my own portion of His cross daily in His power and might. Then I will be a good servant of His. Then I will inherit here all He has purposed for me as I look forward to inheriting eternal life in Him in the New City. Are you this informed? Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in His knowledge all the time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel 3-4; 1 John 5

DECEMBER 7TH RIGHTEOUS IN LITTLE BETTER THAN ABUNDANCE IN WICKEDNESS

READ Psalm 37:16 "Better is the little that the [uncompromisingly] righteous have than the abundance [of possessions] of many who are wrong and wicked."

Another title for today's ministration could very well have been contentment in the Lord. Contentment is not necessarily an accompaniment of faithing in the Lord. It is supposed to be. But many if not most believers lack contentment. I have always said it often in my messages that contentment is not having all that you want or that is required in any given instance. Rather, it is being satisfied with what the Lord has graciously provided at the time. God can provide us with anything. But not everything we desire is expedient. No, certainly not. As a result, all who truly find God in the Faith of Jesus Christ must learn contentment. It is no sin desiring one thing or the other. Over the years I have learnt not to desire anything. And I truly mean it. My desire if I may put it that way is whatever God wants for me. It is not because I have made one or two things in life. God knows it is not because of this. I have being in situations where I can afford one thing and God refuses me. I have also being in situations where I could hardly eat and God told me to book for a business class trip to London, even when I was owing about seven hundred thousand naira in school fees on my girls then. Less than two hours later someone brought me a million naira and God instructed me to pay for the flight ticket which was about eight hundred thousand naira only to minister life in Christ to the limousine driver who was drafted to pick me

up from Heathrow airport. I came back to meet my debt which was later paid for by the same God. I have leant contentment and I am still learning more of same. God is always good and right in all His acts. Trust His judgment. Amen.

PRAY you are in His full contentment all the days of your life, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel 5-6; 2 John

DECEMBER 8TH IT IS WICKED TO BORROW AND NOT TO PAY BACK

READ Psalm 37:21 "The wicked borrow and pay not again [for they may be unable], but the [uncompromisingly] righteous deal kindly and give [for they are able]."

Perhaps what we should first do is to define ability in this Scriptural piece. Given the general context of the text, ability here is to be understood as intention and willingness. Otherwise it would not be wicked not to pay back a debt if one has no means of doing so. But where one lacks the intention to ever pay back, no doubt this is wickedness in unrighteousness. Within this context then we should understand today's text. The very idea of borrowing connotes repayment. If any borrows with the intention of never ever paying back, then it begs another name. Thus, before one goes to borrow, one should first have the intention of timely repayment. Peradventure it becomes impossible righteously to honor this pledge for it is indeed a pledge, then one should make bold to inform the one who borrows one the money in good time. It is wicked and totally unrighteous to borrow and never want to repay. One is paying evil for good done one and frustrating the lender. This can hinder not a few people from benefitting there from in time to come. It is in one's integrity to actually stand by one's word. Indeed Psalm 15 has noted thus: "*who swears to his own hurt and does not change;"-v.4d.*The likes of Jephthah is a case in point. Once our mouth has given our word, it should be our bonds. There is no good-doing in promising and not fulfilling it; or obtaining favor by deceit. Remember deceitfulness is a feature of Satan and his cohorts. For why should the Lord be angry at you and destroy your handiwork! Let our yes be yes as our no is no. This is the beginning of Christianity. Remain blessed in the Lord God Almighty. Amen.

PRAY you are worth your word in the Lord God Almighty.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel 8-10; 3 John

DECEMBER 9TH KNOWING THE BENEFIT OF BEING BLESSED OF THE LORD GOD

READ Psalm 37:22 "For such as are blessed of God shall [in the end] inherit the earth, but they that are cursed of Him shall be cut off."

To be blessed by God or of God is the same thing as being favored by Him; it is the same thing as being preserved in His glory and purpose for one; it is being protected in Him such that all that is purposed for one by Him will be appropriated and any that is not purposed for one by Him will never see the light of the day in one's life. There is nothing more blessed than being God's own

very delight. By the same token, the worst that can ever come upon a man and all that are is, is for him to be cursed of the Lord. It is even worse if the curse is not specific as in this case. And where one is just blessed with His blessings as did Abraham, one is overall favored in all one's way. But does that shield one from necessary trials and persecution? Has there been any who passes through this earth who learnt obedience outside of suffering? Wasn't our Lord and Savior instructed in obedience through all that He was made to suffer? So why detest necessary suffering? The point is the Lord's blessed are those who have found favor in Him and who abide in His righteousness. For even if one is born and nurtured in God's favor and consistently and habitually veers off His righteous path, there is no way one will inherit all that is purposed for one. The cases of Adam the first man and Israel God's own promised people are sufficient for learning. A word is enough here for you and me. Amen.

PRAY you abide in His blessings all the days of your living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel 11-12; Jude

DECEMBER 10TH WHY THE STEPS OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS ALWAYS DIRECTED BY THE LORD?

READ Psalm 37:23 "The steps of a [good] man are directed and established by the Lord when He delights in his way [and He busies Himself with his every step]."

Do not be surprised by our dwelling so much and so long on this one Psalm. That is His leading for us for now. Besides, there is a lot of wisdom to be harnessed in the studying of this Psalm. Glory is God in the highest heavens, amen. Who is a good man in this context? Goodness here has nothing to do with our morals. Even though a righteous person cannot be void of moral standard, yet, our definition here is to be characterized on the basis of Scripture. A good man is one who is consistently righteous. He is the one who fears the Lord. He is one who like the Savior Himself seeks to do the will of the Father. This means he knows the Father and the Father is known to him. Besides, he also knows the will of the Father because he has taken the pains to find this out and he is in constant communion with the Father. He does nothing outside of His directive. He is all out to please Him as he strives all days to be in obedience to Him. As a result, God delights in him greatly as to order all his steps wherever this may be. There is nothing he does that the Lord does not take interest in. As a result, he can't flounder at all as God is in his all. Because he has set himself out to fulfill the very purpose of his existence in the Lord, the Lord has taken great interest in him. Consequently, the Lord orders all his steps and stepping all throughout. God is never for once out of his being as he has totally submitted himself to His directive. God busies Himself in the being of this person. Why don't you become one of God's delights today and there remain in His Presence!

PRAY you are His perfect delight all over

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Hosea 1-4; Revelation 1

DECEMBER 11TH KNOWING THAT THE RIGHTEOUS FALLS BUT HE'S PULLED UP AGAIN

READ Psalm 37:24 "Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord grasps his hand in support and uphold him."

There is no one born of a woman that does not sin. This is the proclamation of the great King and prophet Solomon as he dedicated the Temple of the Lord. The apostle John notes that any who is of God does not sin because the seed of righteousness is in him or her. What this means in part is that the seed of God being in him or her, he is drawn towards doing good as His Father and Lord is. But if and when he or she sins because he or she is still a baby [never mind the age factor], he or she is to be assured of His forgiveness once convicted by the Holy Ghost and forgiveness sought. In this he cannot have any sin recorded against him or her. This is not to say that the righteous never acts unrighteous at any time the same that is here entered as fall. The writer of Revelation in chapter 2:5 admonishes us to remember where we have fallen and so repent. If the possibility of falling is not there, there would have been no need to remember falling. King Solomon also noted in Scripture that truth that the righteous falls seven times, seven being the sign of perfection, but the Lord brings him up again. We make mistakes even in His Grace. We sin in the Faith and truly too. What we need is the assistance of the Holy Spirit. This much Christ had foreseen for which He sent the Holy Spirit to convict us of sin and lead us back into righteousness. No one should be deceived as to never sinning after coming into the Faith. To so think is to make Him a liar Who He is not. The good news is that there is forgiveness for our sins even in His Faith. Alleluia.

PRAY you are not deceived in His Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Hosea 5-8; Revelation 2

DECMBER 12TH REMINISCENCES

READ Psalm 37:25 "I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the [uncompromisingly] righteous forsaken or their seed begging bread."

This is my own testimony. God knows I am not lying or puffing up for there is nothing worth puffing up on. This is just my own little contribution to buttressing the testimony of the great prophet and King David. I have being in Christ Jesus consciously at least for over forty years to be modest not counting the fact of my birth therein. As early as age 18, I had been providing for myself. Or to put it as it is, God had been providing for me through myself. I entered the university on my own with less than five thousand naira then or thereabout. I had faith even without my knowing it. In my second year after I failed to qualify for the faculty of Arts best student award, I won the Federal Government scholarship to read English language. I had the best result in my final year. I was retained by the University to train as a lecturer cum graduate student. I also had the Lagos State bursary for post graduate students. I was happily married at my 200 level and God saw me through. I went in for my Doctorate program again at the expense of another university. I had ceased to work secularly by His Word from November 1992. By His Grace and Grace alone, I am a owner of a mansion of 38 rooms with 11 sitting rooms each as big as to contain at least a three bedroom flat. I do owe no one. I have given out at least ten to

fifteen cars to people. I have bought cars on my own in addition to those God has made people to give me. I had traveled out of this country to the USA and UK for at least 100 times or thereabout in the last twelve years. God has given me good health as I had never taken any drug in the last twelve years to His Glory. Over and above all, I know the Lord in His Glory. I have written at least over twenty books to His Name and not only do I publish them all but I give them out free by His Word. I am learning to understanding Him the more. Truly I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his seed beg bread. Amen.

PRAY you are blessed enormously in His Grace according to His riches in Glory

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Hosea 9-11; Revelation3

DCEMBER 13TH PANACEA FOR PERPETUAL DWELLING

READ Psalm 37:27 "Depart from evil and do good; and you will dwell forever [securely]"

There is a sense in which one can say this piece of Scripture is preposterous. For what sense does it make to ask a consistently righteous person who is genuinely in right standing with his Lord God to depart from evil? But when we come to terms that we are only saved in His Grace and so kept safe; and the truth that we are still human even in our saved state until our righteous translation, we would begin to sense the reasonability and truth of the piece. A truly saved soul like Abraham the father of all faithful, or King and Prophet David did make mistakes. They actually sinned both wittingly and unwittingly. When it is remembered that Michael had to fight Satan as seen in Jude for the body of Moses on the allegation of Satan that he Moses was a murderer, it will begin to sink in our hearts that the Biblical admonition here cannot be more correct. Evil is doing what is not authorized by God Almighty. There is no general and all purpose characterization of evil more than what is given here. Only what the Lord God classifies as evil at any given time is evil for nothing is evil or good on its own except the Lord so classifies same. Incestuous living as practiced by the early patriarchs was accepted by the Lord for there was no other way of matrimony and multiplication of the human race than this. Therefore they were not guilty under this dispensation but not any longer now. So for any who is truly saved to be secured in the Lord's salvation, he has to consistently embrace righteous living and good doing. Peradventure he sins, he must confess same and beg forgiveness. This is the sense of this piece of Scripture. You are blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you are consistently righteous always and until your last breath in His Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Hosea 12-14; Revelation 4

DECEMBER 14TH KNOWING OTHER FEATURES OF THE RIGHTEOUS

READ Psalm 37:30 "The mouth of the [uncompromisingly] righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks with justice."

There is no denying the truth as well as the fact of the above marked out Scriptural piece. What makes one uncompromisingly righteous after coming into the Faith that is Jesus Christ the Nazarene is the wisdom of God in one. In Proverbs 8:32ff, we see Christ Jesus in His Pre-Bethlehem appearance asserts emphatically He is the Wisdom of God. The apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 1 also asserts Christ as the Wisdom and Knowledge of the Almighty. If Christianity is being Christ-like, then all Christians in their truth must be exemplary display of Christ's wisdom deposited in each the time we truly believed. As a result, all our actions in our Holy Spirit led state are a display of His wisdom. Accordingly, our mouths speak that wisdom whether or not it so sounds to others. In addition to this divine truth, we also utter all that is just and righteous at the same time. For instance when Hushai was God led to make nonsense of the advice of Ahitophel whose counsel then was as if God had spoken to one, Hushai's counsel was wise even though it was not appropriate at that time going by human reasoning. Thus, all the time the righteous is led to speak, act, or not to so do in His Grace, he or she is exuding the truth of the Almighty and should be so perceived. This is the more reason why Scripture in Romans says that as many as are led by the Holy Spirit are the sons of God. Any who acts solo is actually displaying his or her folly in that context. Alleluia.

PRAY you will behave as truly as you are-God's own oracles

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joel 1-3; Revelation 5

DECEMBER 15TH ANOTHER REASON TO WAIT AND HEED GOD'S WAY

READ Psalm 37:34 "Wait for and expect the Lord and keep and heed His way, and He will exalt you to inherit the land; [in the end] when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it."

Repeatedly in this devotional I have been led to write on waiting as a Christian virtue which is not obtained at conversion. It is about the best virtue of the believer and sees him through his sojourn here on earth. It is the mastery of one's emotion in submission to the will and purpose of the Almighty. Not just this, but it is the resignation of the self to the order of God's purposive will for one. As a result, it is most gracious to be able to wait on the Lord at all times. It is painful waiting on Him. That is the truth from the human perspective. From the divine angle however, the heavens themselves joy greatly whenever a believer waits on the Lord to the end. For one thing, one grows in maturity as one waits. Hence no one will grow maturely in the Faith if he or she has not mastered waiting patiently on the Lord. Waiting is not the same thing as keeping mute and boiling up emotion not to talk of resentment. That is not waiting. Waiting is seeking and knowing the will of the Father and adjusting to same. If it is the will of the Lord God to make me barren, so be it. The body and human nature will abhor same. But it is my responsibility to bring myself into subjection to the will of the Father. Have you wondered why the patriarchs never had hypertension? One reason is they worried less if at all they did. They were contented. Contentment can be seen as the other face of waiting patiently on Him. Have you mastered this much? Please do now and so remain

PRAY you are not mistaking idleness for righteous waiting on the Lord

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Amos 1-3; Revelation 6

PRAY you are not mistaken idleness for righteous waiting on the Lord God

DECEMBER 16TH SALVATION IS OF THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 37:39 "But the salvation of the [consistently] righteous is of the Lord; He is their Refuge and secure Stronghold in the time of trouble."

There is no doubt; salvation is of the Lord God Almighty. Indeed, there is a sense in which salvation is of God the Father. Remember it was His love and not of any of the Godhead members that made Him gave up His only begotten Son for us; such that any who will believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Scripture also notes that God Almighty Who is God the Father was in Christ Jesus when He hung on the cross, so that it was God in Christ Who actually reconciled the world unto Himself; but in Christ Jesus. So, Jesus Christ was the divine means by which we were and still are all saved. There is no way any can come unto the Father except through Him our Advocate. As a result, all talk and talking about salvation outside of the Godhead are arrant nonsense by those who are naïve about the workings of the Spirit. The Scripture apart from its general tone of asserting this has specifically proclaimed this. Just one instance will here do: "*And there is no salvation in and through no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by and in which we must be saved." Acts of the Apostles 4:12.* God is salvation and salvation is God simple. As a result, God is the Refuge, the Protection; indeed, the All powerful Shield of all who are saved whether in ages past; age present; or ages to come. God is all in all for all those who have and who will ever come into the Faith. Are you this informed! It is time you are.

PRAY you are most knowledgeable in matters of the Faith; His Faith really.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Amos 4-6; Revelation 7

DECEMBER 17TH PLEADING WITH AND IN THE LORD OF THE HEAVENS

READ Psalm 38:1 "O LORD, rebuke me not in Your wrath, neither chasten me in Your hot displeasure."

It is meet that we diligently examine this piece of Scripture. Why you want to know? The answer is to be found in its unusual and unfamiliar assertions. So God is wrath at all? And what is more; He chastens one in His displeasure not to say the hot one? Is there a non-hot displeasure of His? It is not that the Scripture leaves us in doubt as to God's delight in all who obeys Him habitually. And when His delight abandons His Word most recklessly, He delights in harming them as He raises adversaries against them. Whether this is hot or not is a matter of understanding of the degree of the punishment which is dictated by the degree of the transgressions. The issue is that proponents of this wrong doctrine have consistently prepared and eventually disseminated the Gospel as God never ever harming any regardless of what we do. If He is this, then where is

justice; His justice really? God is most just and He alone is the Rewarder of all who either follows Him consistently or runs away from Him too whether consistently or inconsistently. Otherwise, He would not have sent the Adams out of the garden of delight; nor would He have punished and is still punishing the Jews for their open repudiation of Him in Christ. Or why do you think we are still dying today! Isn't it because of the sin of our progenitors the Adams? If He is insensitive as the proponents of this want us to believe, why would He come back to reign in the millennium as a Lion Who will devour all His antagonists then without any show of mercy? The truth must be told; God is a just God; hence the plea of the Psalter here that even when we sin, He should be merciful enough to show His unfailing love. Know this much today. Amen.

PRAY you will only live in the truth of Scripture and not be fooled by lack of sound knowledge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Amos 7-9; Revelations 8

DECEMBER 18TH ESTABLISHING THE TRUTH OF THE ALMIGHTY IN SCRIPTURAL TERMS

READ Psalm 38:2 "For Your arrows have sunk into me and pressed me sorely."

This Scriptural piece is to amplify in great details our proposition of yesterday. No doubt, God delights in His sons and daughters. But He is not an unjust God Who will nevertheless let off the sinner without adequately paying him or her for the invention not commanded by Him. Theologians believe this is a Psalm of King and Prophet David before his confession in the Bathsheba connection. The Psalm speaks for itself. As David is not the focus, we leave that apart. The truth however is that God is compassionate but is obliged by His nature the same that is divine to repay what we all sow. You cannot sow the wind and expect not to reap the whirlwind. Neither does He repay good for evil. He forgives no doubt. That is why He is the Lord God. Yet, He allows for the consequences of our inventions. Thus, it is best not to sin against Him whether knowingly or otherwise. Here the Psalter confesses that the arrows of God which are the result of his inventions where inventions refer to sinfulness are greatly sunk into his being. Pray what does anyone need the arrows for? Is it for fun? Certainly no. This is the point we are making. Yes! We do sin even though we are equipped not to so do after being Holy Spirit baptized. But all we need do is to confess our sins before Him as soon as we are convicted of them and await His response. One who kills his parents and asks God for forgiveness in the Faith will be forgiven. Yet the consequences of the transgression remain. One of which is the absence of the same parents in his future celebrations. The Laws of the land is another matter entirely. No Laws of God will shield one there from. It is well with you and I, amen.

PRAY you will come to terms with the truth of Scripture as really intended

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Obadiah; Revelation 9

DECEMBER 19TH NON-CONFESSION OF SIN COMPOUNDS THE PUNISHMENT

READ Psalm 38:5 "My wounds are loathsome and corrupt because of my foolishness."

You will recollect the foolishness displayed by the King and Prophet David after sleeping with Uriah's wife and murdering the husband. Foolishness in that he knew God saw everything even the undeclared intentions of man. He knows all from the very foundation of the universe. What you will do were you to live for the next millennium God already knows from the time He has being. He determines the end from the beginning. He is Lord and God. So it is foolhardy to attempt to cover up any and all things from the eyes of Him Who sees all. So for the period the King and Priest David kept his sins to himself, God was already dealing with him out of His love for him. He couldn't have done otherwise. Here is King David's confession-that his wounds which some theologians claim was venereal disease was detestable, worrisome, and most painful especially when one realizes that medicine as we now know it was then nonexistent. That is our God for you. The Psalter has also testified in another Psalm, precisely 119 that before he was afflicted he never knew God enough; but having been afflicted, he had learned knowledge. You and I must learn the truth of the Lord which is not covering up our sins but confessing then timely and promptly. Indeed, it is good for us to avoid sinning at all in the power and might of the Holy Spirit. This is the essence of the message today. Remain blessed in His Glory. Amen.

PRAY you are blessed in His Glory, Power, and Might. Amen. Alleluia.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jonah 1-4; Revelations 10

DECEMBER 20TH CONFESSING YOUR ALL TO HIM

READ Psalm 38:9 "Lord, all my desire is before You; and my sighing is not hidden from You."

Confession is not just right and necessary before we start to receive the reward of our waywardness. No, this is not the situation. Confession is necessary at all times. Even when we are suffering righteously for our inventions, we are to be true to ourselves as we confess all that we are convicted for by His Holy Spirit. Why again you want to ask? It is because He knows all and owning up to our misdeeds quickens the process of healing. Even before mere mortals, we do ourselves unmitigated disaster by hiding the truth. A patient needs to lay bare all before his or her doctor so as to enable the doctor correctly diagnose him or her. But whereas the doctor can be fooled, God certainly cannot. God is more than man and for the believer who truly serves God and wants to always please Him, there is no hiding place. Can the human body hide from medical scanning or from the x-ray machine? So how can the sinful man hide from his Creator? The Scripture which is the truth notes: "*For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breadth of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart. And not a creature exists that is concealed from His sight, but all things are open and exposed, naked and defenseless to the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do."- Hebrews 4:12-13.* It is in this context that the apostle and King David laid bare

his all before the Lord after he had been convicted of his sins and transgressions before the Almighty. You do exactly the same today and always in His Grace. Amen.

PRAY you know and acknowledge Him for Who He is always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Micah 1-3; Revelation 11

DECEMBER 21ST ASSERTING HOPE IN THE LORD

READ Psalm 38:15 "For in You, O Lord, do I hope; You will answer, O Lord my God."

By way of remembrance, hope is expectation that is faithfully certain because Faithful is He Who has promised. When trials and persecution are the order of the day in our lives, hoping in the Lord becomes burdensome especially if one is wavering in the Lord or is not firmly entrenched in Him. Most believers of our days will look elsewhere believing quite wrongly that it is expedient to assist as it is the Lord God in His workings. This is most wrong. Indeed, it takes the Grace of God for the faithful who are sore troubled for whatever reason, be it their own inventions as we have been examining or just divine trials to magnify their faith in Him. Abraham our father of faith left the Promised Land for Egypt at the height of his trial initially. Also, he denied Sarah as his wife in the face of imminent death not to talk of the self made Ishmael from Hagar. All these acts nullify hope and hoping in Him. When David was almost being stoned as we see in 1 Samuel 30:6, he strengthened himself in the Lord his God. There is no hope anywhere for the believer except in the Lord God. For if the Lord will not deliver any particularly the believer, no one in the universe can. As a result, when the trials of our faith come knocking we should assert our hope in Him. Remember that hope seen is no hope as no one needs hope in things already seen and possessed. So hope in Him to the end, amen.

PRAY you will never betray hope, His Hope really all the days of your life and living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Micah 4-5; Revelations 12

DECEMBDER 22ND GENUINELY FEELING SORROW FOR ONE'S SIN

READ Psalm 38:18 "For I do confess my guilt and iniquity; I am filled with sorrow for my sin."

There's no other way to come back into Grace after blowing off the lid of faith in sin and transgression than to openly acknowledge one's sin before the Almighty Who sees all even before the act is perpetrated. There is simply no other way to it than acceptance of one's guilt. This is the way of Truth. It may be convenient and positionally advantageous to deny what has actually happened. But in the end one has simply opened up oneself to Satan and his allies and the accompanying sufferings that follow same. This is the crux of today's message. We must all be wholeheartedly truthful to the Faith we have sworn to keep in His Grace. We sin not because we are evil but simply because we are human. It is the human gene in us that prompts us to sin. And although we have received in our beings the gene of the Almighty, nevertheless we still find ourselves occasionally submissive to our human traits. The only reason for this is our inability to

take into ourselves enough of His power and might in His Grace. It is not that it is not available. The problem is that we have not appropriated enough of His Being in ourselves. Just as I was about to write this particular piece, one of my spiritual daughters called on me in the church. I wasn't expecting her so I told her jokingly I was not going to see her because I was about to commence writing. But twice she informed me she came with good news that will make me happy. From her voice she was at the top of her joy. I went out only to be informed that a woman who was after her had just died like that. I was cold and rebuked her never to do that again. It got into her and she felt bad she had rejoiced earlier. But in myself I saw the difference between us both- levels of understanding of His Word. And this is the message really-that as soon as we allow God enough room in our lives, we would be more of Him.

PRAY you are most intimate with the Lord as you allow Him enough space in your being

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Micah 6-7; Revelation 13

DECEMBER 23RD THE RIGHT PRAYER TO HIM ALWAYS

READ Psalm 38:21 "Forsake me not, O Lord, my Salvation."

All said and done, there is one prayer that is right and righteous in all situations particularly when we had blown opened the lid of His Grace and favor over our lives. This kind of prayer only comes from a penitent heart. Hence it is always right and righteous as God is always there for the penitent and humble in heart. This is the prayer we have in this verse that makes today's text. It is brief, simple, and straight forward. There is no other way it can be put more effectively than this. A heart that acknowledges his wrong can only come to Him penitently seeking His mercifulness and acknowledging His overwhelming righteousness. The prayer as here seen is a plea to God not to forsake one. Why this kind of prayer in this circumstance? The answer is to be seen in the truth that sin always forces the Lord to be away from us. Thus, when we sin, unless we quickly return to Him in penitence, we are already alienated from His Presence. Not that we have lost salvation; no; far from this. But the fellowship we enjoy with Him is automatically violated. In this case the first prayer as we retract our steps in righteousness is to plead with Him not to forsake us. It is like asking Him not to cast us away from His Presence as seen in Psalm 51. There is no doubt He is our salvation. Thus, we beseech Him in His Grace to be most gracious to us faltering mortals that we are. In the genuiness of our heart, He will hearken to our penitent disposition and restore us to the joy of His salvation. You are most blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you will be numbered among the penitent who will humbly seek His face always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nahum 1-3; Revelation 14

DECEMBER 24TH TAKING HEED AND GUARDING ONE'S WAYS

READ Psalm 39:1 "I SAID, I will take heed and guard my ways, that I may sin not with my tongue; I will muzzle my mouth as with a bridle while the wicked are before me."

We have to be most grateful to the Lord God Almighty for the Grace He has given us all living in this age whether or not we have truly given our lives to Him; because we are in the best of His Grace. Not that there had been no show of His Grace in ages past. That would be misleading enough. The truth is we are living in an era where the best of the Lord God Almighty is made known to us as freely given to us. It is just for us to accept Him as He is and the best of His is for us to grab as it is. First we have the full revelation of His that is the written Word otherwise called as the Holy Bible. There is nothing any desires to know that is not given in the Holy Scripture. This is one show of His Excellent Grace to us in this age. We also have His Spoken Word in all His various manifestations as the Word of Knowledge; Word of Wisdom; and the workings of His Holy Spirit in us. As a result, we have no reason at all to veer off the way of righteousness unless we choose so to do. It is in this regard that today's text is most relevant in admonishing us to take heed to our doings so as not to sin willingly or unwittingly. And to guard against this, we are admonished to take heed of what to say particularly when the unrighteous is near. Why? It is because they can misquote us readily apart from leading us into damning temptations. You will agree with me that there is nothing better as muzzling one's tongue if one is to be free of sin and sinning. This is what is being advocated herein. You are most blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in His Righteous judgments always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Habakkuk 1-3; Revelation 15

DECEMBER 25th KNOWING THE END OF YOUR BEING IN THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 39:4 "Lord, make me to know my end and [to appreciate] the measure of my days-what it is; let me know and realize how frail I am [how transient is my stay here]."

May be a better way of starting today's discussion is why this prayer cum quest? Why would anybody seek to know his or her end when the Bible has clearly told us what our ends are if we are in the Faith or if we stubbornly opt out of same? In other words, what meaning does it make to pray this type of prayer if you will permit my double use of the word prayer here? A lot of meanings it makes. First we are told in Scripture that the end of a thing far betters its beginning just as the day of death far out-places the day of birth. Seeking to know is a show of faithful inquisition particularly in this context. I am frail and transient. I am a living dead held on to and in life by His Grace. I have a date set out for me when I will depart this world for the world of the divine. There is a day I will have to be judged by His Excellency when all I have been busy doing in the body will be accounted for. What awaits me there is the subject of today's Scriptural piece. Of a truth, I am saved as of today as much as of yesterday. But will I be able to abide to the end despite my hope and aspirations so to be? That is the million dollar question this Scriptural piece seeks to answer. It is plainly put a reminder to all faithful that we need to be cautious in His Grace so that we would not after all run in vain. Glory is God Most High, alleluia.

PRAY you are most blessed in His Gracious hope of making it to the end gloriously

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zephaniah 1-3; Revelation 16

DECEMBER 26TH WHERE LIES YOUR HOPE AND EXPECTATIONS?

READ Psalm 39:7 "And now, Lord, what do I wait for and expect? My hope and expectation are in You".

As a follow up to our discussions of late, we are here face to face with the reality of eternity. No matter how blessed we are in this earth; no matter how glorious the power and might of the Living God have been upon us and your ministrations; no matter how steadfastly we have held on to Him in our sojourn here, the best of this earth is only but a poor shadow of the glorious revelation of the sons of God in eternity life. In this regards, there is no reason why any faithful should seek to remain here beyond the apportioned time by His Excellency. Put another way, the only reason why any and all faithful should seek to remain here is to complete and fulfill all that is given to him or her before the creation of the universe by Their Excellencies. For of a truth, the beginning of true bliss in and with Him is our translation from this decay that is called the earth into the undying and *undieable* body of Life in and with Him. For this we should all joy when a faithful is called home to be with the Lord for we all will eventually be there in and with Him. Unfortunately, we are so engrossed with the temporal living here so much that we seem to forget the joy that awaits us there yonder. On a number of occasions and in all humility and sobriety, I have been graced to see a glimpse of the heavenly. I have been graced to see part of the River of Life; I have in His Grace and Grace alone being with throngs of peoples from different parts of the universe all in white; although not what we call prayer gowns here partaking of the meal at that River although I was not allowed so to be; I have in His Grace seen the New City as I walked on its glassy sea so much I prayed I never woke up from the sleep of joy. Yet, I was woken up as my time was far from running out. It is glorious to be with the Lord and I pray not even the worst of my enemy misses out in this. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are most blessed as your name is retained in the book of Life; His Life really

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Haggai 1-2; Revelation 17

DECEMBER 27TH HEARKEN UNTO ME O LORD

READ Psalm 39:12 "Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not Your peace at my tears! For I am Your passing guest, a temporary resident, as all my fathers were."

I find this prayer of the faithful saint quite appealing and educative. Appealing in the sense that it fascinates me and draws me as a magnet attracts its subject. I find it educative in the sense that it reminds me of the truth of His teaching-that I am after all a temporary resident here on earth despite all show of His enormous Grace in Christ Jesus. As a result, I am reminded of my frailty as well as my total dependence on the LORD Almighty for my all having been admitted into His commonwealth of fellowship. I am mostly humbled by the revelation contained in this brief but straight forward and concise prayer of the faithful Psalmist here documented. I cannot

but be thankful and be grateful to God for calling me into the Faith that is Himself. How wonderful it is to behold the Glory of the Almighty Father in the power and might of His Son through His Holy Spirit! Nothing, and I mean nothing absolutely compares to this. Great is Thy faithfulness O Lord my God. I am taking this opportunity to remind all readers of this Devotional-*Morworld Pathfinder*-to please be faithful in the Lord enduring all hardship and facing all righteous persecutions in the Faith boldly and courageously, knowing that soon, and very soon indeed, it will be all over and we will be with and in Him forever more. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are molded in His Great Grace and be found therein at His glorious second coming

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zechariah 1-4; Revelation 18

DECEMBER 28TH PRAYING THE LORD TO LOOK AWAY FROM YOUR SIN

READ Psalm 39:13 "O look away from me and spare me, that I may recover cheerfulness and encouraging strength and know gladness before I go and am no more."

Here we are today with our being reminded of our frail nature and the inherent consequences of sin and sinning even in His Grace. In the first instance the truth of God is that we are so imperfect outside of the clothing of Christ that each time the Lord decides to look on us we are the dirtiest of rags only identical with the woman's menstrual pad. As a result, it is good and indeed best for the Lord never to look on us at all. And this is the truth. If the heavens are not pure in His sight; if He finds sin among the sons of the stars and even the moon and the sun are detestable in His sight, you tell me how you and I can ever be clean and acceptable to Him? As a result of this, gladness and joying in Him are always taken away from us each time we transgress His Laws of Grace. Consequently, we lost cheerfulness that accompanies a peaceful coexistence with and in the Savior. We also lack His encouraging strength the same that emboldens us to proclaim His name among nations and nationalities. What is more, the best of us will eventually all go the way of the world-we would eventually all bow to and in death only of course to become like Him all because of the failure of us all in our progenitor Adam of old. It is in this connection that I urge you all to always avoid sin and sinning. We are already strengthened so to do in His Grace. It is more of determination otherwise classified as self control the last of the fruits of His Spirit in us all. Then we would all be fulfilled as never before even here on earth before we are translated in His Grace. Alleluia.

PRAY you will always be restored in His Grace each time we wander away in sin and sinning

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zechariah 5-8; Revelation 19

DECEMBER 29TH WHEN APPEARING BEFORE THE WORLD'S KING AGRIPPA

READ Acts of the Apostles 26:1 "THEN AGRIPPA said to Paul, You are permitted to speak on your own behalf. At that Paul stretched forth his hand and made his defense [as follows]:"

We need to do a thorough exegesis of the above to be informed of the Lord's expectation and the word's righteous expectations of us even in the most unrighteous persecution of us. But who was King Agrippa? While not teaching History as a curse here; yet it is needed to note that King Agrippa was one of the most hypocritical and wicked kings that ruled Israel at the time of the brethren's worst persecutions. He was corrupt, pro government and unrighteous. Yet he was learned in the cultures and tradition the Jews then. Under this unfriendly circumstance, we note his arrogance in his introductory speech as he declared to Paul the apostle he Paul was permitted to defend himself. This means in part, he Paul couldn't even have spoken in the court without this unrighteous King's permission. And this is the first thing I want us to note. The Bible instructs us to be law abiding and to honor all who are in positions of authority not minding how they got there as they represent and exercise God's righteous judgments. Jesus our Lord you will note conceded to Pilate the Roman Governor of His time who tried Him he Pilate had power over His life as it was given to him so to do from heaven. Knowing this much will make us conduct all our affairs righteously as we honor the Righteous and Truth Personified God in these otherwise unrighteous and false personified rulers. As a result, people will see the True God in us for we are His true earthly representation. Glory is God in the Highest of the heavens, alleluia.

PRAY you are knowledgeable enough not to ever misrepresent the Lord of lords

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zachariah 9-12; Revelation 20

DECEMBER 30TH RIGHTEOUSLY LIVING AS A PHASRISEE EVEN IN HIS GRACE

READ Acts of the Apostles 26:5 "They have had knowledge of me for a long time, if they are willing to testify to it, that in accordance with the strictest sect of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee."

Who are the Pharisees or by implication who is a Pharisee? What was the Lord's attitude to them while He lived here on earth as to commend their features and characteristics to us living now in His Grace? The answer is not farfetched. The Pharisees were the privileged few who were worthy of the curse of the Lord not just once or twice but severally while He lived. If the Lord were to be physically living today, I am sure the same fate awaits the Pharisees. A Pharisee then is one who practices the belief of Pharisaism. So what is commendable in them? It is their strictest adherence to their wrong and false belief that through the Laws of Moses one could be saved. If the believers of Christ can be this strict in their belief of the Risen Christ and the soon coming King, I can assure you God would be too pleased to move His coming forward. For one reason why He still delays with respect to His timing that is fixed is Christ's not wanting any to perish. As a result He seems sluggish as He awaits our turning round to Him. If I am able to live half the strict nature of the Pharisee in His Grace by which I mean if I can follow the Laws of Grace in His Faith as faithfully as the Pharisees did then, I can be sure that nothing would ever tear me away from Him for I am already united to Him in His death the moment I gave my life to Him. Thus, all talks about backsliding and the likes will find no basis once I am truly in His Faith

and live same in the strictest form of faithfully abiding in Him. This then is righteously living a Pharisee in His Grace. Alleluia.

PRAY you are strict and indeed the strictest in following after the Master and Lord faithfully

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zachariah 13-14; Revelation 21

DECEMBER 31ST WHY DOUBT THE POWERS AND LIMITLESS ABILITIES OF GOD ALMIGHTY?

READ Acts of the Apostles 26:8 "Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?

It is either we know God as God or we know Him not. It is as simple as that. Even if we refuse to accept His might and powerfulness in creation despite the all round evidences of same, this does not in any way diminish His might. He is God and there is none except Him. He is Lord and God and there is none comparable to Him. God is Lord and this is the truth for all who will accept it. There is no special revelation of His being to some while others are kept in the dark. No, this is never so. For the revelation of God in His systematic self revelation has been made known to all and this is seen and contained in Scripture. I am not arguing His existence here simply. No. That is not the object of this discourse. All I am making here is a proclamation of His Being. Not that He requires any to so do for Him to be Who and What He already is from eternity past and He would so continue to be in eternity present and future. But that we may know and come into the truth-that God is and is able to do all things and has proven this to all and He brought out all that is visible from the invisible past. He is Lord and God. More than this, He is my Lord and my God. My very existence proves this and all who knows me agrees with this truth. Even if they do not or were not to agree, I am unperturbed. For I know Him Whom I believed in and I am sure He is able to save me and all who will repose confidence in Him. Do you believe this oh King Agrippa? I know you should believe. So why delay?

PRAY you will glorify the Lord as God today and always. Alleluia

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Malachi1-4; Revelation 22

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JANUARY 1ST ANTAGONIZING THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST-THE PAULINE EXAMPLE

READ Acts of the Apostles 26:11 "And frequently I punished them in all the synagogues to make them blaspheme; and in my bitter fury against them, I harassed (troubled, molested, persuaded) and pursued them even to foreign cities."

It is most fitting that we commence our New Year meditation with the Lord on a sound note. There was a time in the history of the Church when God in His Wisdom permitted persecution of His Body with the sole aim of spreading His Gospel through same and more than this adding to His witnesses the most ardent oppressor of His. That was in the person of the apostle Paul. He did so much evil to His Church and Body without knowing what he was doing or what the Lord God was doing indirectly through his antagonism. Later it all became too clear that he was warring against the Author and Finisher of Life and in particular his own life too. The good news however is as soon as it dawned on him that he had been mistaken, he vented all his zeal on evangelizing and openly witnessing in favor of the Way he had strenuously warred against. This New Year I want to challenge you to see God in all the persecutions that will be allowed to face you knowing full well that the Lord God Almighty is in all and His purpose for you and me and indeed His Gospel is for good and nothing more. You and I may not be able to see through the persecutions in our human toga. One thing though is pertinent and that is we should faith through all challenges of our lives so that we can be accepted into one of His many Mansions at the end of our journey here as we are translated in Glory. This done we are sure that we are abiding in Him as much as He abides in us. Alleluia amen.

PRAY you are never daunted by any and all persecutions but be firmly engaged in His work

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 1-3; Matthew 1

JANUARY 2ND SEEING HIS LIGHT AT MIDDAY O KING

READ Acts of the Apostles 26:13 "When on the road at midday, O king, I saw a light from heaven surpassing the brightness of the sun, flashing about me and those who were traveling with me."

Light in this Scriptural piece is a symbolism of the eternal Lord. Seeing Him thus is indicative of being favored as opposed to being contrary to Him. In our discussions of yesterday, we posited that all things work well for good for those who love the Lord; for all who are called according to His own divine purpose. Accordingly, when persecution trails our way as they often times will do, we are to rest assured in the Lord that all is well. There is no record of anything going awry in the hands of the Living God of all ages. Have you seen the Light of His power? Are you seeing the Light of God that prevails over all forces of evil? Is any of your own presently seeing the Light of God Almighty? Is there any you know that you desire to see His Light and by so doing come into His marvelous illumination? Tell it to the Lord today and be patient enough to see Him bring it to fruition. From another perspective, we can see the apostle Paul's seeing of the Light at midday to mean at maturity age as opposed to youthful age. For a truth, the apostle Paul as Saul of Tarsus was passed the age of adolescence when he saw His Light. We can all thus take hope in the truth that there is no timeout for the Lord in any matter particularly those affecting His salvation. Thus if there are those we are concerned about today for failing to come into the Faith as of now, we should not lose hope or be disillusioned. The Lord is at work and He will

perfect all that He has purposed at the fullness of His time. You are most blessed in Him perfectly well. Amen.

PRAY you are in the glowing Light of the Savior all days of your life and living, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 4-6; Matthew 2

JANUARY 3RD ARE YOU ALWAYS DISOBEDIENT TO THE HEAVENLY VISION, HIS VISION REALLY FOR YOU?

READ Acts 26:19 "Whereof, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

Disobedience is utter refusal to do as commanded, whether knowingly and or unknowingly. Whichever way you want to look at it, this is gross misconduct in matters of spirituality. To be disobedient therefore is to conduct oneself in utter disregard of His instruction. Usually, we do this knowingly but ignorantly. For instance, King Saul never knew of the consequences of his gross misconduct, indeed, misconducts in frequently disobeying the Lord. For once, he must have thought he was only disobeying the man of God Samuel who anchored his reign in the Lord. This is often the case with many of us. I am persuaded that unless one is utterly satanic and given to spiritual suicide, one would not knowingly disobey God by refusing to carry out His instruction through His chosen. There is a recent case in point. A prophet of God was among his peers in the far northern part of Nigeria in a conference. During his off time, he was sipping a glass of beer when the Word of God came to him for another colleague. But this colleague erroneously assumed that God could not speak in that circumstance. He disobeyed the WORD of the Lord and he faced the dastard consequences. But are you not aware that God sees all things and knows all things? The second born of Judah who refused to make a child for his deceased elder brother by splitting his semen on the ground through withdrawal, how did God know of it? Obviously, God was seeing it all. So God can and will continue to speak to His saints in any mode, place and manner. Our duty is to ascertain that He has spoken. However, you have no reason to disobey His Word. Amen.

PRAY you won't ever disobey His Word given any time any day anywhere all days of your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 7-9; Matthew 3

JANUARY 4TH HAVING AND KNOWING THE HELP WHICH COMES FROM THE ALMIGHTY

READ Acts of the Apostles 26:22 "[But] to this day I have had the help which comes from God [as my ally], and so I stand here testifying to small and great alike, asserting nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses declared would come to pass"

There are various and varying kinds of help coming from diverse sources. Nevertheless, the help of God is to be desired daily in all our doings. There is no sin seeking help righteously from others. But the help of man fails more often than not. Where they fail not, the repercussion of seeking manmade help or the strings attached thereto is nothing to write home about. Unlike all

these, God's help is unquantifiable. But another matter is recognizing God's help. To start with, God never comes down to assist His own people. Where He does this assuming He so does, do we recognize this or acknowledge His help? In Scripture in times past, we read how God variously assisted His own who trusted in Him at various and varying times. For instance, you will know that it was not the stone from the catapult of David the youth that knocked Goliath down flat on his face. If it were the effect of the stone, Goliath ought to have been knocked down on his back. That he was knocked down flat on his face talks of a force or power rather from behind him while David concentrated on his face. This we know was God's help and none else. The favor of God received severally by Joseph from the time he was thrown into the pit to when he was falsely accused and not executed but only jailed; to when he interpreted the dreams including that of the great Pharaoh then and his subsequent elevation we know was from the Lord God and he recognized this much. Unlike these instances, Sennacherib was greatly exalted by the almighty just as Nebuchadnezzar was. But neither recognized their divine favor the same that brought them severe and harsh consequences. We conclude that we should always seek God's help and be humble and faithful enough to acknowledge same. Glory is God in the highest heavens, alleluia.

PRAY you are seeking God's Help always and acknowledging same at the same time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 10-12; Matthew 4

JANUARY 5TH BEING DECLARED MAD FOR CHRIST

READ Acts of the Apostles 26:24 "And as he thus proceeded with his defense, Festus called out loudly, Paul, you are mad! Your great learning is driving you insane."

We need to really understand what happened here. The apostle Paul was defending his calling by preaching the Gospel of Christ to the powers that be of his days. Unknown to his listeners particularly the highly placed, God was working His own Way out in their lives as the Word being preached was accomplishing wonders of salvation in them. But the governor Felix had no explanation to the wonders of salvation going on in him other than that the apostle Paul was using his much learning to confuse and confound them, and him in particular. So he exclaimed the great servant of God was mad as much learning had so turned him insane. The point I want you to grasp is that God works in you and me as we proclaim Him in our daily lives and livings. We understand this much even though our detractors who mostly are out of the Faith cannot fathom this much. Bad enough they mistake our position; but their inability to fathom the power of God in us is something lamentable. We need to come into this understanding of their problem ourselves such that rather than be vexed with them, we sympathize with them and pray the Holy Spirit of God to convince and convict them as He has been doing in teeming millions who have been converted. We have to be termed mad and insane for Christ if we are truly doing His bidding as become appropriate. It is well with you all in Jesus Mighty and Holy NAME, Alleluia, amen.

PRAY you come to terms with the Way

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 13-15; Matthew 5:1-26

JANUARY 6TH SPEAKING WITH BOLD FRANKNESS AND CONFIDENCE

READ Acts of the Apostles 26:26 "For the king understands about these things well enough, and [therefore] to him I speak with bold frankness and confidence. I am convinced that not one of these things has escaped his notice, for all this did not take place in a corner [in secret]."

We need be reminded that this was one of the apologetics of the apostle Paul as he faced the powerful leaders of his time. He was actually defending his life as well as his Faith in the Lord God Almighty. He had every reason in the flesh to be afraid and being this afraid to chicken out inarticulately. But that was not the bold, confident, and courageous apostle Paul, the apostle of His Gospel to us the Gentiles of this world. He was not only defending himself against these spurious charges but he found time in this defense to preach the Word as he was given. In this way he satisfied his calling and ensured that the confidence and trust entrusted in him by the Holy Spirit in his enablement was well placed and well utilized. I am not at all surprised by his boldness; after all he had emphatically declared in another of his writings that he could do all things in Christ Who alone emboldens all faithful. Yet, not all faithful are bold and confident to resist the devil as they face the various tests and trials of the enemy. The lesson for you and I is to be focused on Jesus Christ of Nazareth. The worst is to be martyred for the Lord. There is no way we would not die. For it has been appointed unto all once to die then the judgment. As a result, we should all be well equipped to be most bold in the power of the Holy Spirit and He alone will determine what befalls us all in His purpose, amen.

PRAY you are most emboldened in and for the Lord not chickening out for fear of death

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 16-17; Matthew 5:27-48

JANUARY 7TH MAKING A CHRISTIAN OF ALL EVEN IF OFFHAND

READ Acts of the Apostles 26:28 "Then Agrippa said to Paul, You think it a small task to make a Christian of me [just offhand to induce me with little ado and persuasion, at very short notice]."

One major reason for the Scripture is to educate us living practitioners of the Faith so as to be well equipped for the race that is set before us. In this we find today's Scriptural piece most educating and informative. Here was the very apostle Paul, the very apostle of Grace fighting the war of his life. Yet before his adversaries who were determined to make a mince meat of him, he was determined in the power of the Holy Spirit to forget about his own life while caring for the lives of his judges. One reason for this was that he was safe in the hands of the almighty having been accepted into the Faith that is Jesus Christ. He knew very well death would come when it would as no one can halt whatever the Lord in His wisdom has decreed. What makes meaning then and now is for all to ensure he is living in the Faith seeing that we have but little

time here on earth. Hence Paul's determination to make a Christian of the very King Agrippa even offhand if it were possible. This much he would have attained except for the intransigence of the aging and shrewd King. He himself testified as to the sagacity and boldness of the very Apostle Paul in almost making him a Christian. The focus for you and I today is to be so determined in His Power and might to preach and live the Gospel by and in all means ensuring that no opportunity is let off without proclaiming His Gospel. In this then you and I are most blessed. Alleluia. When last were you and I so effective? You are most blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you will not waste any of the God ordained and God given opportunities to minster Christ

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 18-19; Matthew 6:1-18

JANUARY 8TH MAKING OTHERS BECOME LIKE YOU BUT ONLY IN CHRIST JESUS

READ Acts of the Apostles 26:29 "And Paul replied, Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you, but also all who are listening to me today, might become such as I am, except for these chains."

In his first epistle to the Corinthian saints and in chapter 11 verse 1 precisely, the apostle Paul urged and admonished all his listeners to follow after him as he himself follows after Christ the Lord and King of all whether or not they want to accept the Truth of His Kingship and Lordship of the entire universe. In like manner here, we see the Lord working out His way in the life of the gracious apostle as he faced the defense of the Gospel as well as his own being. In and amidst this tortuous but grim circumstance, the apostle was committed to making a Christian of all whether in the long term or the momentary depending on what was and is the will of the Savior. He was not just content to preaching and making disciples of Christ. More than this he realized that the timing of each one becoming His disciple lies entirely in the hands of the Lord. Thus he bowed to this truth by conceding to the King to be made a disciple of His at His own time. So where do you and I come in, in all these? We come in, in not just preaching His Gospel as commanded but conceding to Him the Lord the right to determine who to call and the time and place to call them and into what ministry. Remember He is Lord and you and I are only servants of His not minding our different but powerful enablement. With this in mind, we would not out-step our calling as we preach and wait on Him for the increase. This then is the message for today. You are forever blessed in Him through His Son and Lord Alleluia.

PRAY you are most noble and humble in His call upon your life.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 20-22; Matthew 6:19-34

JANUARY 9TH WHEN YOUR ADVERSARY ARE CONVINCED YOU DESERVE NOT DEATH EVEN IN CHRIST

READ Acts of the Apostles 26:31 "And after they had gone out, they said to one another, This man is doing nothing deserving of death or [even] of imprisonment."

The Bible says that when a man's way pleases the Lord as it is noted in Proverbs 16:7, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. Furthermore we are admonished in Scripture that we will suffer persecution as there can be no one who will make heaven after living most righteous here on earth who had not suffered intense persecution. For this the Lord Himself in Matthew 11:33 urged us all to be of good cheers as He has overcome the world; hence the persecutions we would suffer as believers are for our good. But it is never deserving of us to be persecuted justifiably. There is no sense in being persecuted as a thief or a criminal in whatever capacity. But when we suffer unjustifiably, we become true sons of His or rather we showcase our true sonship in Him. The point here really is that we should do all things particularly the ministry committed to our care in the most humble way and manner such that even the worst antagonist of His Gospel will concede to us the truthfulness of our actions. They would only persecute us like the prophet Daniel for our faithfulness in the Faith and not otherwise. Do not ask me why those who found Paul justified and free of any criminality never released him. The same way was the Governor who tried and sentenced Christ Jesus, the very Pilate never found Him guilty of any crime. Yet he condemned Him Who was and is and Who will continue to be Life Himself forever more. Remain in His Grace forever and ever, amen.

PRAY you will always be led aright in His Grace, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 23-24; Matthew 7

JANUARY 10TH WHEN YOUR AGRIPPA AND FESTUS ARE CONVINCED YOU ARE LIBERTY WORTHY

READ Acts of the Apostles 26:32 "And Agrippa said to Festus, This man could have been set at liberty if he had not appealed to Caesar."

Known to God are all His works from before the foundation of the earth. This means in part that all things seen and yet to be seen have been so ordered as conceived by Him alone Who was, is, and shall be forever and ever amen. As a result what is seen presently and all that will ever come into being are as conceived by Him as decreed or permitted. You won't be anything He has not ordered or permitted. There is simply just no way for this to come to being. In furtherance of this, no one will be able to set you at liberty as conceived here when His Excellency has decreed otherwise. There is simply no way for this. And should He decree your liberty, let the powers that be conspire to the contrary, only His purpose shall be fulfilled in earth as in heaven. It is no surprise that both King Agrippa and the Governor Festus could not offer the very apostle Paul liberty for the decree of the Almighty was for him to minister in Rome; not only this he was decreed to see and talk with the Emperor. So who could decide otherwise? So what is the implication of this our position? The implication is such that you are who He has made you and whatever befalls you under normal circumstances is His purpose for you. No matter what you do, His purpose will ultimately come to pass even in your life and being. Alleluia, amen.

PRAY you are this knowledgeable such as not to stress yourself too far and unnecessarily too

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 25-26; Matthew 8:1-17

JANUARY 11TH WHY GOD WILL ALWAYS DRAW YOU OUT OF THE MIRY CLAY AND HORRIBLE PIT

READ Psalm 40:2 "He drew me up out of a horrible pit [a pit of tumult and of destruction], out of the miry clay (froth and slime), and set my feet upon a rock, steadying my steps and establishing my goings."

Before we directly answer this much of a question, let us first consider the indirect features of the sentence. Why will God first allow you to be lowered into the pit at all or the miry clay only for Him to now rescue you? The answer simply put is that no one will learn obedience to His Word who has not intensely suffered. There is no way out of this and there is no exception. Jesus although equal to and with the Lord God learnt obedience through the things He suffered. Hebrews 5:8 tells us this much. Joseph was glorying in the dream the Lord God of the heavens gave him only for him to be lowered into the bottomless pitch and there journeyed for another thirteen years. The young king yet to be made manifest, David was to learn obedience by what he suffered in the wilderness and caves in thirteen gruesome years before he became king over just two of the twelve tribes. Moses was old enough to die and in all probabilities considering writing his will when the Lord called him. Even then, it was one trouble or the other in the hands of his brethren before he was gathered unto his fathers. So the issue is God will allow you to be persecuted; He would allow you to go down the stream but not allow the stream to drown you; He would allow you pass through the fire of persecution and life's vicissitudes but you will never be burnt by same. For this reason of passing through the fire of life seven times that you be purified clean and perfected He would always let you out of the miry clay of life. Amen.

PRAY you are mostly blessed in bearing your own portion of His Cross daily

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 27-28; Matthew 8:18-28

JANUARY 12TH WHY HE IS PUTTING A NEW SONG IN YOUR MOUTH

READ Psalm 40:3 "And He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many shall see and fear (revere and worship) and put their trust and confident reliance in the Lord."

Regardless of our inadequacies, there is a time when God in His might, power, and mostly love and compassionate consideration puts new, good, and lovely songs into our hearts and if hearts mouths to His Glory and glorying in us. Remember God brings all things to being for His own pleasure meaning that any and all things that will not bring Him glory is put to naught at His own time and bidding. Yet, while He puts this new song into your mouth by reversing in anyway your previous captivity, it is necessary that you comport yourself most humbly. When Joseph was elated and this new song found a way into his mouth, he glorified God of the heavens. Apart from denying glory for the knowledge of interpreting the King's dream, he conducted himself most righteously and diligently promoting the name of his God Who alone made him who and

what he was. He provided for his enemies and never took vengeance for their inventions. More than this he demonstrated faith in Him and His Word as he commanded that his bones be taken away to the Promised Land when the Lord finally visited them; for he was sure God would visit them as promised. So while He puts the new song into our mouths this New Year, what do we do and how do we conduct ourselves as to bring Him alone the deserved Glory? This is the focus of today's ministrations. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will never ever bring Him disaffection by your inordinate and out of reason conduct

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 29-30; Matthew 9:1-17

JANUARY 13TH BEING BLESSED IN MAKING THE LORD GOD YOUR TRUST AND REFUGE

READ Psalm 40:4 "Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who makes the Lord his refuge and trust, and turns not to the proud or followers of false gods."

One thing is to be truly born of the Holy Spirit. It is another matter entirely, and the more important to be wholly trusted on the Lord God for your all. Trusting on the Lord most truly does not call for the abdication of one's responsibilities. Certainly no. What this means is for one to lean his entire manhood on the leading of the Lord. It is relying on the Living Word the same that is the power of God unto salvation for all who will believe be they Jews or Gentiles. Trusting on God is staying by and with and in Him through thick and thin and relying on all His promises. It is hoping in Him regardless of the present circumstances. It is believing in Him as never before and trusting and accepting His all in every and all situations. There is no other way than this and any shortcut is certainly a shortcut to hell. Trusting God in this way is diametrically opposed to following the proud, the arrogant, and the knave whose past time is falsehood. One with the Lord is never afraid of any situation as he knows the One Who is the Owner of the universe is on one's side. It is believing in the Lord God Almighty and never at all relenting of same. How much of this is found in you? How much of same is found also in me as well as my dependants? This much we are called into probing today. May you all be blessed abundantly in Jesus Mighty and Holy Name. Amen.

PRAY for the anointing that makes trusting in any else apart from the Lord God impossible

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 31-32; Matthew 9:18-38

JANUARY 14TH MANY ARE YOUR WONDEFUL WORKS IN MY LIFE

RESD Psalm 40:5 "Many, O Lord my God, are the wonderful works which You have done, and Your thoughts toward us; no one can compare with You! If I should declare and speak of them, they are too many to be numbered."

I have so much to share with you inform of testimonial and here are a few of them. I was commanded to leave paid employment in the year 1992 after staying in the public sector for about four years; precisely from 1987 August or thereabout. I had money and plenty of it then.

The first thing I wanted to do was to pay a large sum of money to the hospital my family and I were using at Maryland Medical Centre for a year at least. The Lord said no to this and from that time to date, we had had no use of such medical facility. Indeed, I had not been using any medication of any sort for the past twelve years by His Word. From thenceforth, I had to live by Faith, indeed His Faith. My Missions-MORWORLD OUTREACH cannot afford my salary by God's design. Yet the secondary school fee of my last daughter for the last year was a million naira. I have had three of my daughters in private universities totaling millions in one year for each of them. One experience will do here. I was to pay for the last girl sometime last session. I had just returned from the UK ministration. I promised her by God's Word to pay the following day. In the morning God instructed that I should ask the elder one to get prepared too even though the money for the younger was yet to be completed. I did as instructed. On getting to the church which was and still is and will continue to be my office until I am translated, a brother pastor promised and indeed sent me five hundred thousand naira which was the exact amount I was looking for without any knowledge of my needs and any prompting from me. In His testimony later, he said something in him asked him to so do. Glory is God in the highest heavens, amen.

PRAY your testimonial will be the living of your entire life according to His Word

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 33-35; Mathew 10:1-20

JANUARY 15TH WHY GOD IS NOT DELIGHTED IN SACRIFICE AND OFFERING

READ Psalm 40:6 "Sacrifice and offering You do not desire, nor have You delight in them; You have given me the capacity to hear and obey [Your law, a more valuable service than] burnt offerings and sin offerings [which] You do not require."

God it was and Who is the Same Who decreed sacrifices and offerings even though then as shadows for the coming Christ Jesus. But man failed to worship Him and reverent His sacrifices and offerings. Rather, man trivialized His offerings and sacrifices and irreverently served Him. How? By attempting to worship Him only in forms as opposed to from the heart. It was no longer refraining from sin and sinning; but actually sinning with impunity claiming erroneously that once the decreed sacrifices were offered, it was over. But how mistaken was and man is! The truth is God loves us and delights in our Righteousness in Christ Jesus. But where we turn His love and show of mercy into mere formalities, He cannot but ignore our so called formal worship. He wants those who will worship Him in heart and in truth. He wants men who are desirous to worship Him in holiness and in truth of His Word; men and women alike who abhor sin and sinning but who inevitably will sin but who will have a broken heart and mind each time sin comes their way. They are different from those who sin with impunity. For this reason and others not here stated for space, He the Lord God delights in Righteousness and abhors offerings and sacrifices not from the heart. Amen.

PRAY you will serve God in Truth and reverence all the days of your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 36-38; Matthew 10:21-42

JANUARY 16TH NOT RESTRAINING OUR LIPS IN HIS PROCLAMATION

READ Psalm 40:9 "I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great assembly [tidings of uprightness and right standing with God]. Behold, I have not restrained my lips, as You know O Lord."

Understanding the Scriptural piece of today is best if viewed in the context of verse 10 the same that says: "*I have not concealed Your righteousness within my heart; I have proclaimed Your faithfulness and Your steadfast love and Your truth from the great assembly".* The first point to note in this verse of today is that one can and is committing grave sin in keeping the wondrous works of God to oneself and refusing to proclaim same. To start with, there would be no Church as it is today if the first apostles kept to themselves the wonders of the Lord God as revealed to them in their sojourn with the Savior. We are all appointed preachers of the Word the moment we come into the Faith that is Christ. There is no denying this truth. To do otherwise is not only to be selfish, but worse than that, it is to be wicked and most vicious. I am not just saved for my sake alone. I am saved and delivered from the throes of death that I may be an harbinger of the Good News to all and sundry. Thus, being prudent with and in words, particularly the words of God by not sharing same as adequately as required is sinful. Part with this heinous sin today in Jesus Name, amen.

PRAY you will witness His Word all days of your living, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 39-40; Matthew 11

JANUARY 17TH BEING PRESERVED CONTINUALLY IN HIS TRUTH

READ Psalm 40:11 "Withhold not Your mercy from me, O Lord; let Your loving-kindness and Your truth continually preserve me!"

I have been taught by God in the power of His Holy Spirit that every believer is as strong as his level of faith the same that determines your level of obedience to God. Remember that without Faith and Faithing in Him alone, no one can ever please Him. But having come into the Faith that is Jesus, there is the necessity of growing in the Faith such that one would know Him more and more as one becomes more intimately related to Him. There is nothing one can do outside of one's level of faith. While our father Abraham was slack in the Faith, he lied and could not achieve much. But as he grew in the Faith that was and is still Jesus Christ of Nazareth, he was unstoppable. You are as strong in the Lord as much as your faith in Him, and your weakness is the level of your lack of faith or refusal to obey Him. Remember that no one ever obeys God except he or she believes in His injunction. For instance consider the foster father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Assuming he didn't believe the message of the angel or he refused to believe and so took his wife for a harlot and attempted to belittle her, could he have been blessed and be part of the miracle of SALVATION for all mankind? Wouldn't he have fought unknowingly against the Lord God of the universe? But why was he able to believe the message and obey the divine instruction? Wasn't it because of his level of Faith in the Word of God? No doubt you and I are

as strong as our faith in the Lord and we are equally as weak in the alternative. Remain blessed in Him perpetually, amen.

PRAY you are not unbelieving and you are ever growing in His Faith always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 41-42; Matthew 12:1-23

JANUARY 18TH THE WISDOM IN EVER CONSIDERING THE WEAK AND THE POOR

READ Psalm 41:1 "BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) is he who considers the weak and the poor; the Lord will deliver him in the time of evil and trouble."

Wisdom you want to be reminded is the correct application of knowledge earlier imbibed before then. We are all wise to seek our good but only those who partner with and in the Lord Most High ever have the foresight of being preserved in His wisdom. To come into this is to first come into His Knowledge; indeed, the abundance of same such that when the time comes to apply same, one would be over provided for in the Lord. The Holy Spirit of God awaits all who will soak themselves in His knowledge such as to be available to and for them all at the point of need. Where one does not avail oneself of this wonderful show of His Grace, at the time of need, here expressed as evil and or trouble, one would be badly exposed to the enemy. The wisdom in soaking oneself in His Word from where comes righteous knowledge is seen in the truth that this world in which we are presently living as sojourners is declared evil by His Excellency. As a result only His righteous walking and faithing can be good as all others are obviously anachronistic to Him. No one can swear on oath meaningfully that he would never face any evil in his days or that he is proof against any trouble whatever. If then the only wisdom against such vicissitudes of life is considering the weak and the poor in one's own interest, why delay in complying? You are as good as your level of obedience, remember! You are most blessed in the Lord amen.

PRAY you are most made wise in His righteous knowledge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 43-44; Matthew 12:24-50

JANUARY 19TH LORD HEAL MY INNER SELF IN YOUR MERCIFULNESS AND GRACE

READ Psalm 41:4 "I said, Lord, be merciful and gracious to me; heal my inner self; for I have sinned against You."

As often defined commonly, mercy is not paying the sinner the punishment deserving while grace is divine favor. So how do the two combine and find a common ground in our Scriptural piece today? One, all of us are sinners and sinful by nature and by cohabitation. As a result the truth of Scripture is further amplified-for all have sinned and come short of God's glory. This being the truth, it means we have just one way out of the mess in which we find ourselves. This is by begging His mercy and graciousness. His mercy is available in His readiness to allow us to benefit without any inhibition from His fountain of salvation in Christ Jesus. Secondly and

equally important is the issue of His readiness to exude His Grace to us. For it is one thing to possess a thing. It is another matter entirely to want to give that which one is capable of giving. This is expressed here as being gracious. God is not just Grace personified; more than this, He is willing and has actually demonstrated same in giving up on His only begotten Son for you and I. So all I will ever need is to come into His Body as a member and therein forever dwell in His graciousness and mercifulness. This then is the message of today. Amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you will never ever come out of His righteous Grace and Mercy

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 46-48; Matthew 13:1-30

JANUARY 20TH WHO IS TRULY A FRIEND INDEED?

READ Psalm 41:9 "Even my own familiar friend, in whom I trusted (relied on and was confident), who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me."

Normally, a friend is a confidant. He is one on whom one leans after all the chips are down. A friend is a trusted ally all the days of the friendship. This accounts for why God in all probabilities chose to send the prophet Nathan to accost King David on his indecent sexual relation with the wife of his commander-Uriah. The Bible also notes that a friend loves in adversity while the kisses of an enemy are deceit laden. So who is a friend and who is not one? Precisely, a friend I believe is best chosen for one by God as the circumstances will reveal. One cannot choose a friend correctly as one does not know his own mind let alone that of the other. But God Who alone knows all and all things is in the best position to choose one for one. But must one have a human friend? Yes and no is my answer. In the company of Jesus Christ the only Righteous Friend of all particularly Christians who truly believe in Him, one needs not any unless He so decides. Tell me who was the friend of father Abraham? Who was the known or hidden friend of Moses the man of God? Who friended the apostle Paul in all his sojourns and risks for the Lord? Who was the friend of Deacon Stephen as he laid dying in the hands of his executors? Yet, we know that David had friends and two were prominent-the prophet Nathan and Hushai his adviser. Before all these, he had Prince Jonathan the erstwhile son of King Saul. You may want to know that God also had Abraham for a friend and in principle all believers are expected to be friends of the Lord Jesus. Now you know who a friend is in His Grace. Amen.

Pray you are most blessed in the friendliness of the Almighty from where the earthly comes up

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 49-50; Matthew 13:31-58

JANUARY 21ST PANTING AND LONGING FOR YOU O LORD GOD

READ Psalm 42:1 "AS THE hart pants and longs for the water brooks, so I pant and long for You O God."

No doubt, this is a confession from a heart truly given to God and His works. This is one area where only you can be effective. By this is meant only you can make for yourself your confession

and only you know the truth or otherwise of same. But what is the hart or what kind of animal is it in comparison to his love for the brooks the same that is the water. According to the *Longmans Dictionary of Contemporary English [1995],* the hart is a male deer. The deer is defined as a large grass-eating animal that is given to running very fast with wide branching horns. I want to believe that his ability to running fast necessitates his love and demand for the brooks. Otherwise, he soon faints and loses his unique feature. In other words, the water is to the hart what Jesus is to every true believer unless we are not sure of our calling. No believer who is true to his calling will ever be anything outside of Jesus. There is simply no way one can. Jesus you know is the Head of His Church. The Church is His and He determines what becomes of same and the roles each true member of His Body plays therein. He enables all and He is the Strength of all always. So unless one is truly desirous of Him and goes after Him as a matter of Life, one cannot be anything. This then is the meaning of panting and longing for God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PRAY you are truly panting for the Lord God in Christ as truly as you should. Amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 1-3; Matthew 14:1-21

JANUARY 22ND KNOWING YOUR INNER SELF

READ Psalm 42:11 "Why are you cast down, O my inner self? And why should you moan over me and be disquieted within me? Hope in God and wait expectantly for Him, for I shall yet praise Him, Who is the help of my countenance, and my God."

Let us remember that today's Scriptural piece is the last verse of that of yesterday. As a result, it is meet for one to link both up for total comprehension. In today's piece, we see the very unusual-how do I mean? We see the person of the Psalter speaking to his inner self the same who is his inner being. It may be the soul with or without the spirit. But there is no doubt he is admonishing his inner being. This is very unusual for it is the inner being that should and normally speaks to the outer person particularly when one realizes that the outer person unlike the inner is not close to the Spirit of God in man. So what happens in this case? The outer person sees the need for hoping and trusting in the Lord even when the soul of man which I will term the mind of man loosely in this context is down. Yes! It has happened too to the Lord Jesus when His soul was down to the point of death as seen in John 12:27. He also used His overall knowledge of the Word of God to comfort Himself and to awaken His soul to the reality of His Being and by implication, His mission. This is what happens here. But for this to happen; for your outer man to rule righteously over your inner man as the occasion will demand, your outer man has to have been seasoned with the Lord and His Word. So when the unusual comes and there is no strength from within, the outer being that has taken on the Lord can be the true supplier of His strength. Glory is the Lord God on High, alleluia.

PRAY you are able in body, soul, and spirit always in His Power and Might

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 4-6; Matthew 14:22-36

JANUARY 23RD TREATING OTHERS WITH KINDNESS AND CARE-THE JULIUS EXAMPLE

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:3 "The following day we landed at Sidon, and Julius treated Paul in a loving way, with much consideration (kindness and care), permitting him to go to his friends [there] and be refreshed and be cared for."

The first question to be settled is who Julius was in this Scriptural piece. He was the officer in charge of the captives been taken away to Rome for final trial. He was by no means a believer, at least not in the Christian way then and now. Yet, he showed not too little mercy, kindness, and love to one of his prisoners, the apostle Paul who had distinguished himself outstandingly in the voyage. If a non-believer so cared, what is the reason for the non-action of the believers in all given situation? Remember that kindness is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. It can therefore be conjectured that where a believer behaves in a manner lacking of kindness and love to his fellow human being who is also an image of the Maker God Almighty, he is not showing the truth of his Faith at least; and in the worst situation is not a true believer at all. So how do you and I treat fellow human? I was in the United States some years ago and I saw an animal that was wounded outside a forest. I was amazed to hear my accompanying priest considering calling the Police so that the animal can be treated and if need be, be put to sleep gently if all hopes of survival were lost. I was simply amazed. On another occasion I was in a car from the Heathrow airport in the UK on the way home when a motor bike against traffic ran into a car ahead of us. When the traffic light passed our lane, I was amazed again to see my pastor accompanying me refusing to move away insisting that the Law required him to wait behind and testify to the truth of the incident. So how do we treat our fellow human beings? Be a Julius, another Samaritan here and be blessed ever more.

PRAY His kindness and love will always be radiated in you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 7-8; Matthew 15:1-20

JANUARY 24TH WHEN LITTLE PROGRESS IS MADE AND THE WIND WILL NOT PERMIT FURTHER GROWTH

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:7 "For a number of days we made slow progress and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus; then, as the wind did not permit us to proceed, we went under the lee (shelter) of Crete off Salmone."

The world is never a bed of roses. The Christian world if I may add, is never so construed. Indeed, our own world and by implication bed is yokish. That is why He Who calls us all has admonished us all to take His yoke upon ourselves. It has to be self imposed in the sense that being a Christian is by choice. Yes! He calls all; yet He never forces Himself on any as He was not forced by His own Father. So He has no example of force to exert on any. Having taken His yoke upon ourselves by choice in answer to His call, it behooves us to tread the paths already mapped out for us all since the beginning of the world the same that is not naturally palatable. Yet, we are not to undertake this in our own power as His power, strength, and enablement is

there for us all in appropriate measure. Thus, more often than not, we will seem to make little progress and in some cases the wind of life and the forces that be will totally obstruct our movement not to say progress. Yet, He is with us, in us, and above all else ahead of us all leading and guiding us to His predetermined safe ground. Won't you yield to Him and journey with and in Him? Won't you take off your eyes from the raging rivers of the world as you focus completely on Him the more? Won't you be positioned anew for His ever ready more challenges as you rough the weather in His power and might? Won't you and I wait on Him all the time until the cloud of His direction moves on? Won't you; won't I?

PRAY you will understand the Christian journey perfectly well and now too

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 9-11; Matthew 15:21-39

JANUARY 25TH WHEN THE JOURNEY IS PERCEIVED AS DISASTROUS

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:10 "Saying, Sirs, I perceive [after careful observation} that this voyage will be attended with disaster and much heavy loss, not only of the cargo and the ship but of our lives also."

There is no doubt that the perception here recorded is nothing but God's revelation for the apostle Paul which was meant for the entire voyage since he had no authority as to where to and where not to go as he was a prisoner. When the Holy Spirit warns that a particular voyage will be disastrous, our responsibility is to act in the manner instructed unless we are impaired as here contained. There was a time I was to travel to the UK. The Nigerian Airways was operating a leased out aircraft. I was specifically told by God not to go by Nigerian Airways. But seeing that it cost only half the fare of other major international Airlines, I went for it. Only God's mercy preserved my life till today. I was indeed, penny wise and life in God foolish. On our return journey we were to go via Abuja. From Heathrow all went well. As soon as we entered Abuja International Airport, it started to rain. First, God told me to get down there as the plane would not reach Lagos. I could not easily obey as my luggage and other things were already Lagos bound but this was no reason any way. While pondering what to do, God told me I should keep on board. Not fifteen minutes after being air bound on our way to Lagos, we ran into bad weather. I had never witnessed it before and I prayed no one ever witness it forever. The Plane was losing altitude at will and will again gain same. There was no word from the cockpit. Overhead luggage was falling off. Prayers in various languages and forms were being uttered. There was no respite in sight. For once I saw clearly my foolishness as I had the equivalence of over a million naira on me in pounds sterling. Yet, miraculously, we arrived MM airport. For another thirty minutes the doors could not open. I was to later know that the plane was actually banking in aviation term. Always listen to the Lord. Amen.

PRAY you will always heed His perception that is always His will for your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 12-13; Matthew 16

JANUARY 26TH WHEN IT SEEMS ALRIGHT TO FOLLOW YOUR REASON

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:11 "However, the centurion paid greater attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said."

There has never been a situation when circumstantial details favor obedience to the Laws of God. I am yet to see one either in the Bible or outside of same. But that is why God is God and Lord and man is ordinary flesh. Man sees through his eyes and acts by using his senses. God being Divine and Supreme knows all things. Proverbs has noted that there is a way that seems good to man yet the end is bad; and there is that way that seems evil to man but the end is good and perfect. Consequently, man's way is never the same as God's. Any who will live by the Word, must of necessity turn his back to the world; otherwise, like Lot's wife, he would be encrusted in the salty pillar littering the world. There was this young man that brought his fiancé to the service and later introduced her to me after the service. The following Sunday God gave me a revelation to him that she was not to be his wife as she was an *emere* meaning she had a familiar spirit. The Sunday after I noticed he was not in the service. On enquiry I was told he had ceased to come and left for another church that will not hinder his marriage. Ten years later he was doing great as he was already married with kids-like three and cars had been bought. But just when he thought he was secured and the message untrue, things started to run down for him. He was told by other men of God he was married to a demon in human flesh. By then he started running up and down and while returning from a prayer mountain along the Express Road, he had an accident and therein he died. They came to inform me and for once believed in God Who gave me the message and me the messenger of His. Learn from this as seen again in this master piece of today.

PRAY you are learned in the way of righteousness in His Spirit and power alone

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 14-15; Matthew 17

JANUARY 27TH BEING DANGEROUSLY TOSSED AROUND IN THE SEA OF UNBELIEF

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:18 "As we were being dangerously tossed about by the violence of the storm, the next day they began to throw the freight overboard;"

Walking in the Faith of the Lord is stormy enough to say the least. Not having Him in our boat is dangerous. Living in the storm of life in unbelief of His Word is worse. But how does faithlessness differ from unbelief? What is unbelief really? Regardless of what you may posit, faithlessness is the absence of Faith in the Lord whether for lack of knowledge of Him at all or for any other reason such as not positively responding to His Word when ministered. Unbelief is different and worse I want to posit. It is not a lack of His knowledge as much as a deliberate choice of not believing. Not believing in this context is quite different from lack of knowledge as unbelief smacks of knowledge in the Word but deliberately withholding belief and or Faith in the Word ministered. Usually, unbelief manifests itself in the believers as it is a feature of the believer the more who for one reason or the other has chosen not to believe in that one

instance. Thomas refused to believe in the resurrection of Christ. He was a faithful yet unbelief robbed him the blessings of believing without seeing. In today's piece, we see how the unbelieving crew members and the voyagers dangerously dangled in the storm of life. You need not be this unbelieving but believe and now too. You are most blessed in Him now and forever more, amen.

PRAY you will never exude unbelief at all in your faith journey but believing always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 16-18; Matthew 18:1-20

JANUARY 28TH WHEN NEITHER SUN NOR STARS ARE VISIBLE AND TEMPEST KEPT RAGING

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:20 "And when neither sun nor stars were visible for many days and no small tempest kept raging about us, all hope of our being saved was finally abandoned."

Literally the absence of stars, sun, and sometimes the moon is indicative of very dastard storm of life during which the unknowing perishes without any qualm. For the knowing, it is a matter of the needle having the Carmel pass through it. In other words, it is tantamount to passing through fire. The truth of God is that living is stormy enough; the more reason why Christ admonished us that in the world we will witness tribulation. However, we are to be of good cheers in the Faith that is Himself as He has overcome the world. If we are to contend with natural disasters and the vicissitudes of life under normal conditions; it will be unthinkable that we would go neck deep into the disaster by being disobedient. In this case, we are our own worst enemy. The panacea therefore is to let the natural disasters to be sufficient for our testing. Adding more to same by deliberately being disobedient is unimaginable. Yes! There will be occasions when the sun of the world will refuse to shine. To worsen the scenario, the stars too can have their light blackened by the magnitude of our persecution. As long as it is not self inflicted, we have to give glory to God knowing that we are more than conquerors by the love of Him Who alone saves us. To do otherwise is not to be wise at all in His Word. Are you this wise and knowledgeable? Am I this wise and knowledgeable? It is high time I am this wise and knowledgeable. Alleluia, amen.

PRAY you are made ready in His wisdom that is His Word based always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 19-20; Matthew 18:21-35

JANUARY 29TH MEN, YOU SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO ME

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:21 "Then as they had eaten nothing for a long time, Paul came forward into their midst and said, Men, you should have listened to me, and should not have put to sea from Crete and brought on this disaster and harm and misery and loss."

The thrust of today's piece is bringing upon ourselves and at the same time not bringing upon ourselves avoidable disasters as we journey in this world. Here were a people who had the

blessings of God upon them by being among the best of His apostles at that time. Rather than allow the aura of blessedness to resonate round them, they chose to be neck deep in the ills and evils of disobedience in ungratefulness. Little wonder they fasted unnecessarily and unacceptably. There was a young man who was brought to me for ministration. He had never in his life secured any paid appointment after finishing his first degree and almost finishing the Master degree. I asked if he were married to which he scoffed that if I were a prophet I would have known. When told the cause of his problem was his so called wife whom he forced upon himself against the will of the Almighty, he stood up and almost walked away. I then told him to seek verification to my prophecy in the name of the Lord and to come back and mock me if found false. Seven years later he returned after another prophet from another denomination told him God said He had sent His prophet to him seven years before. So he should go back and do what the prophet of God had told him. Need you be this wasteful with your life? Need I be this unknowing by being deliberately recalcitrant? A word is enough for the wise, amen.

PRAY you will not live a wasted life in or out of the Lord Jesus Christ the Nazarene

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 21-22; Matthew 19

JANUARY 30TH BEING OF GOOD SPIRITS AND TAKING HEART IN TURBULOUS TIMES

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:22 "But [even] now I beg you to be in good spirits and take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you but only of the ship."

Regardless of our waywardness, God is ready to rehabilitate us if we meaningfully turn to Him before it is late. There is always a late time to finding the Lord God. Remember what the Preacher says in Ecclesiastes 12 that we should remember the Lord God in the day of our youth when the evil day is yet far away. The apostle and prophet Isaiah in chapter 55:6 notes that we should seek the Lord when He can be found and when He is yet near. Why you want to know? It is because there is a time when even if one seeks the Lord with the whole of one's heart, one would not find Him. Ask the people of the time of Noah. No doubt, they must have sought Him as the flood took over the whole land space. Yet He was not found. Sodom and Gomorrah had similar experience. Jeremiah 15 talks of God instructing His prophet not to pray for the people of Judah as they must go into captivity. If however any would call on the name of the Lord before the evil day, one would definitely find Him. It is in this context that today's text is relevant. Regardless of how you come into the miry clay, if you will sincerely call on Him as the prophet Jonah did from the belly of the whale and also as the Ninevites did when they hearkened to the prophecy of Jonah, He would be found. In this alone you should be of high spirit and of good heart; not to go sinning; but to recognize that He would not always chide and is most willing to deliver if the time of visitation is still away. Alleluia, amen.

PRAY you are most blessed knowing the time of your visitation by Him and preparing long ahead

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 23-24; Matthew 20:1-16

JANUARY 31ST DO NOT BE FRIGHTENED BRETHREN

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:24 "And he said, Do not be frightened, Paul! It is necessary for you to stand before Caesar; and behold, God has given you all those who are sailing with you."

As can be seen from our discussions in recent times, turbulent times await the true believer here in this world. There would be a lot of challenges both to his world as well as in his exercise of his Faith. But in all these, he is not only called to showcase his faith in the Living God, he is also required to demonstrate stoic resistance to doubt and fear as he holds on to the Word of God. Anything short of this is not worth its salt. Persecutions abound in the world; this is quite apart from the challenges of the world. As noted a few days ago, we are in all these more than conquerors in the love and faith of Him Who alone has the whole of the universe in His hands and Who also controls all the forces of the world in line with His purposive will. Israel you will remember was knowingly led into the Sea of Reeds by the same Lord Who had just redeemed them from captivity and bondage to showcase His power and might over all as well as to make an end of the Egyptians once and for all. Yet, when He was doing this, they were alarmed until quietened and stilled by the Word of the Lord through Moses who was their deliverer in the flesh. Again when they got to the Jordan under Joshua, the same Lord quietened and partitioned the river which had hitherto overflow its banks as the Lord's redeemed passed through the waterless land. The point is God is with us and in us always. As a result we need not panic when challenging situations arise. Remember the name of our Lord and God-Immanuel meaning God with us. You are blessed abundantly, amen.

PRAY you be courageous as you are called upon to exercise your Faith in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 25-26; Matthew 20:17-34

FEBRUARY 1ST BELIEVING WITH THE BUT

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:26 "But we shall have to be stranded on some island."

Christianity is never having it your way. Then there would have been no need of obedience and there would have been no need for believing in the first instance. Faith is appropriated only by obedience. As a result, we know who a true believer is when he or she is prepared and ready to abide in the Lord regardless of what becomes of his personal self. Jesus Christ prayed the Father to let the cross of dying for the sin of the world passed Him over at the crucial time of His life; He prayed and prayed; yet, He made provision for this *BUT* we are talking about which is allowing God to have His way all the time. This is what believing and faithing is all about. You and I have to subject our will to His will. We lose nothing expressing our will to Him as the case may be; yet, we must realize that He is Lord in the heavens Who does not obey the wish or command of His subject. That is why He is Lord and God. Queen Esther declared that she would go in to see the King without being sent for after praying and fasting her way through for three days resigning herself thus: *if I perish I perish.* The three Hebrews in the flame of fire made

powerful sevenfold also made provision for this *BUT*- if the Lord will not save us from the burning furnace, we still would not worship the image of the King. The point is God is Sovereign, able to do all things His own way but will only do that which pleases Him. He takes no order from anyone. That is why He is Supreme. You are blessed, amen.

PRAY you are strengthened enough always to Faith in Him particularly in troublous times

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 27-28; Matthew 21:1-22

FEBRUARY 2ND THE SAME DAY WITH AND IN JESUS

READ Matthew 13:1 "THAT SAME day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting beside the sea."

What this title portends is promptness as opposed to procrastinating. Apart from the truth that Jesus is the Same today, yesterday, and tomorrow as Scripturally noted like His Father Who never changes, the need for believers to be Jesus in all their doings can never be over emphasized. Promptness in the work and walking with God is the key to spiritual success. The prodigal son was most prompt the moment he realized he had missed his way. As penned down in Luke 16, he immediately went to his father. Had he procrastinated, who knows what would have come upon him thereafter! The young boy David who was to be the King as no one else never procrastinated the moment he saw the man-mountain but empty fool Goliath. He acted asking what was amiss and what was in the offing for him should he confront the infidel. Knocking him down with his stone he promptly stood on him and cut off his head. Without this you and I know that there was no sure victory. Our father of Faith in Genesis 18 demonstrated to us all how important it is to be most prompt herein entered as *THAT SAME DAY* when he ran towards the three divine hosts who appeared to be passing by and urged them to branch off and be refreshed. Within some moments, father Abraham performed nothing less than eighteen actions all culminating in the serving of his guests the kind of food and refreshment not really common. You know that this occasioned his fruitfulness as he got the exact date for the fulfillment of the Promised child. When last were you prompt in all your righteous acts as opposed to procrastinating? This then is the message for you today. Glory is the Lord alleluia.

PRAY you will never again procrastinate on matters of righteousness but be most prompt always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 29-30; Matthew 21:23-46

FEBRUARY 3RD WHEN OTHER SEEDS FELL ON THE GOOD SOIL

READ Matthew 13:8 "Other seeds fell on good soil, and yielded grain-some a hundred times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and some thirty."

You will realize that seed here stands for the Word of God while the soil is indicative of individuals in their respective attitudes to the Word planted in them. While some soils were evil, only a few was good. Do not be rattled that while in the Faith that is Jesus Christ the Nazarene,

you can still manifest the features of evil by refusing the good Word constantly being sown into your soil by His Excellent the Holy Spirit. Wasn't Judas Iscariot numbered among the twelve and did partake of the ministration of Christ while He Christ pilgrimaged this earth? And didn't he betray the Son of Man? Why you want to be reminded? It was because the good Word directly sown into him found no good soil in his heart; hence his destruction ultimately. Israel who journeyed in the wilderness had a good many of them perished by the same Word of God sown into them which met their evil soil through unbelief. As a result, only a small remnant actually got into the Promised Land forty years after the expected time. Where do you and I stand in this matter? Are your hearts opened to the Truth that is the Scripture? How often do you comply with His engrafted Word? Your response to all these questions determines if your heart is the good soil. Even then how good is same as seen in the amount of goodness yielded in same? Remain blessed in Him and grow equally too in His Grace.

PRAY you are the fullness of His goodness as you yield bountifully

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 31-33; Matthew 22:1-22

FEBRUARY 4TH KNOWING THE TRUE VINE

READ John 15:1 "I AM the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser."

It is most necessary we get the relationship between Christ and His Father God Almighty right and straight too. God is the Supreme in a way Christ Jesus is and cannot. God was in the beginning just as Christ Jesus was also in the beginning but only in the Father in the same way your children until their birth were in your loin. At the fullness of time it was God Who brought forth the Son and not the Son bringing forth the Father. In this alone is seen the supremacy of the Father over the Son. There shouldn't be any controversy in this as the Son Himself testifies that the Father; His Father really is Greater than Himself. Because it was the Father Who had the idea of saving the world through the Son and the Son agreed to His Father's will and desire, the Father became and is seen really as the Vinedresser in that He calls the shot. The Son on His part for obeying the will of the Father to the point of death, even death on the cross, we see the Father ceding all powers to Him in the universe for which He alone is the True Vine. In Him alone is Life the Same that is His Life really. All other manmade vines are what they are-fakes and charlatans. In Jesus Christ the Nazarene alone is Life for all who truly and are desirous of His Life. In Him alone the Father works out His purpose for the entire universe. No one can have true Life outside of Jesus the Nazarene in as much as it is not possible to harvest wheat from a mango tree. God in the Son and the Son in God the Lord is the God of His Vine. How wonderful! Get to knowing this much really. Alleluia, amen.

PRAY you are led into the mystery of the Godhead fully and truly now and forever more

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 34-35; Matthew 22:23-46

FEBRUARY 5TH BEING CLEANSED AND PRUNED ALREADY IN THE WORD

READ John 15:3 "You are cleansed and pruned already, because of the word which I have given you [the teachings I have discussed with you]."

The Word of God Who is God in Christ is the only power that is given to man under the sun by which and in Whom we are saved. None is and will ever be saved safe through His Word. You know as well as I do that the Word was in the Beginning the same known only to the Living Lord God Almighty. The Word also was with the Lord God Almighty. Finally, we see the Word became God Himself. In many of my writings, I have been led to explain this mystery of the Cross as it were. Here today, I want you to know that every instance of the Word; every time the Word of God is uttered, particularly by His chosen, power accompanies same to achieve all that is desired in the spoken Word. How much of the Word of God do you know? How much of same do I know? Particularly, how much of the Word given to me to know have I allowed myself to know? This is so because as powerful as the Word of God is, no one will benefit maximally from same in obstinacy. You must be yielded to Same to benefit and gain from Same. To do otherwise is to be a heretic if not an outright psychiatric. My prayer for you today is that you will yield to God Almighty enough so as to be most blessed in Him through His Word. Once cleansed by the Word of God, all you need then is to be continually refilled in His power and straight away, you are on course. Amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are totally submerged in His Word perpetually, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 36-38; Matthew 23:1-22

FEBRUARY 6TH CUT OFF FROM THE VITAL UNION WITH CHRIST YOU ARE NOTHING

READ John 15:5 "I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing."

I am sure not once or twice have I been led to minister on this verse in various fora, each time with and in a new focus and perspective. So what is new about His leading today for you and me? The first point to note is that contrary to what some misguided teachers of the Word teach, one can and is does cut off from the vital union with Christ. Without going into Scriptural apologetics; that is theological details, the knowledge of English language will teach any discerning user of the Language that as written down here, it is possible clearly to be so cut off from His vital union. Remember that we all became united to and in Him by choice when we professed faith in Him and His Word. If for whatever reason we renounce our faith in Him and His Word, we are automatically cut off from same in the same way we are vitally united to and with Him. Without overtly renouncing faith in Him and His works, each time we act against His spoken Word or in contradiction to this, we are slowly but progressively working our way out of Him whether knowingly or otherwise. We are by so doing denying Him. Remember Judas Iscariot never overtly renounced faith in Him. If he ever did, it wasn't recorded in Scripture. But where is Judas Iscariot today? Certainly he is in hell fire having been singularly cursed by the Savior. So what happened to the treasurer of the Savior? At some point in his journeying with

the Lord, he was mortally cut off from His vital union with and to Him. So he could never be reunited to Him again. Sinning once or variously is not the same thing as being cut off from His vital union. I pray you are never ever on the path to being cut off from Him, amen.

PRAY you will never experience any cut off from His vital union forever, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 39-40; Matthew 23:23-39

FEBRUARY 7TH WHY GOD WILL ALWAYS JUDGE AND VINDICTE YOU

READ Psalm 43:1 "JUDGE AND vindicate me, O God; plead and defend my cause against an ungodly nation. O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!

To judge you in this context is nothing but determining your innocence in the situation as against the adversary of your soul. If you are not on the righteous path, God's judgment in this instance will not be favorable to you. If for instance you take what God has expressly given out of your hands to another for whatever reason, you will never prevail in the matter as the Lord God will fight against you. He cannot fight against His Word or against Himself. When one cell fights against the others in man, it is termed cancerous. May that never be the case of your good self in Jesus Name. One major point of being in God's good stand is being righteous. To be righteous is to have come into the saving Grace that is Jesus Christ of Nazareth. There is no other way to it. You must believe in your heart and then profess with your mouth that Jesus is the Lord God Almighty. Then you are saved. Once saved, you have to walk out your own salvation by working and walking holiness through His empowerment. Once done and very well grounded in this, you are sure that God will always plead your cause and fight with any and all unrighteous adversary of yours. It is in this context that the Psalter here called on God Almighty to plead his case as He judges between him and his adversaries. May you never vainly ask God to plead your unrighteous cause, amen.

PRAY you will be righteous in your righteous journey in the Lord Most High

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 1-3; Matthew 24:1-28

FEBRUARY 8TH GOD MY STRENGTH AND STRONGHOLD

READ Psalm 43:2 "For You are the God of my strength [my stronghold-in Whom I take refuge]; why have You cast me off? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

Glory is God in the Highest heavens amen. There is no doubt God is the Stronghold of all who truly repose confidence and trust in Him. All who pay lip service to Him are vain as much as their expectations in Him. I am a living witness of God's faithfulness always. Whether or not we know exactly what He is doing in any given instance, God is faithful always and all His acts are good and best for the individual as well as the community in which the individual lives. The problem we must accept is we can never ever fully comprehend God. I am not even sure we would ever comprehend Him fully even in eternity future. Do the angelic beings who live around Him now in

the heavenly ever comprehend Him fully? Do they even see Him in His fullness? Then how will I ever know Him thoroughly? Be that as it may; if I am in Him faithfully my limitations notwithstanding, I have to faith in Him totally. I have to trust Him and all His acts. For instance, Job never comprehended what was happening to him until he saw the Lord God in His limited Glory face to face. Even then, he still could not know why he had to be so subjected to torture. You and I may never fare any better. One thing we should however come to know; we are to trust all His judgments. Job never had the complete Scripture as we do today. So he probably had an alibi. But you and I don't. The point is not always when we mourn or seem so to do are we being pursued by the adversary. Some mourning are God induced for us to come into His fullness. So be aware of all this, amen.

PRAY you are most knowledgeable in the Savior of your soul always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 4-5; Matthew 24:29-51

FEBRUARY 9TH GOD, MY EXCEEDING JOY; WHAT ABOUT YOU?

READ Psalm 43:4 "Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my exceeding joy; yes, with the lyre will I praise You, O God, my God!"

Four times in this very short verse, the word God is mentioned quite apart from pronouns or other words referring to Him. This tells of the importance of Him in our daily ministrations which here I term our daily living. Once in this little verse, God is referred to as *"my exceeding joy".* But what does it take for God to be our Joy not to talk of Him as our exceeding Joy? Before answering this, what does joy entail and how is same different from happiness? Joy is a Christian doctrine and is a fruit of the Spirit. It is not bestowed on one as a gift. Rather it is a reflection of one's growth in the Lord based on one's knowledge of Him. I cannot have the joy of God in my soul when I am not learned in His ways, works, and walking. No. There is no way this is going to happen. Happiness is a thing of the senses; yet, joy and joying in the Lord are purely spiritual. They have nothing entirely to do with our physical situation. Lazarus was a sore not just having and living with avalanche of sores. He never complained throughout his rough life and lived around the unrighteous rich man who was daily living in happiness but was most destitute of the knowledge and righteousness of God. Lazarus exuded the joy of God and God was his Joy throughout his destitution. Otherwise he would not have survived the poor state of his. Stephen was another apostle of God who had God as his Joy as he faced martyrdom. There was no way he would have prayed for his killers without having God as his exceeding Joy. So is God your Joy? How do you feel when things are not right with you in His way? The Lord be blessed in your life now and forever more, alleluia.

PRAY you will truly have the God of Jacob as your Joy

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 6-7; Matthew 25:1-30

FEBRUARY 10TH SHARING THE WORKS OF GOD IN HIS WORD

READ Psalm 44:1 "WE HAVE heard with our ears, O God; our fathers have told us [what] work You did in their days, in the days of old."

There is no limit to the extent and perspective one can and should share the Word of God by expressing His works of wonders; not just in times past, but also in our own time and generation. Psalm 24:6 notes that we are the generation that seek Thee, that truly seek after Thee O Lord of Hosts. Partly what this portends is the truth that our generation should exude the love, might, and testimonies of the Lord in our live while dwelling on the Inscriptured Word. It is good that we are abreast of happenings in times before us as told us by our parents and fathers in particular and as seen in Scripture. This motivates and strengthens His knowledge in us. But over and above this, each generation must apply what is documented in Scripture to his own generation by adapting the truth therein into their daily living such that God of the Scripture is rightly and righteously appropriated in our lives. Otherwise, God will soon become History in us. This is not good at all for our growth particularly the spiritual. There are lots of testimonies in our lives. Indeed, the life of each of us is a living testimonial of His Might, Power, Valor, and Glory. We are enjoined not to hide this from our peers as well as others behind us. We are to document them in any and all documentaries of our time such that as we read of His greatness of the past, our experiences of His powerful hands the same way can be left behind us for the generations coming behind to build upon. You are most blessed as you do this regularly, amen.

PRAY you are worthy of His Name by which you are called regularly, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 8-10; Mathew 25:31-46

FEBRUARY 11TH WHAT IT MEANS FOR GOD TO BE YOUR KING

READ Psalm 44:2 "You drove out the nations with Your hand and it was Your power that gave [Israel] a home by rooting out the [heathen] peoples, but [Israel] You spread out."

We all know what it is to be king; at least we all see kings as they reign over their subjects. So the first thing to note is the reign of a King. This is in the natural sense. Spiritually, a king is all that he is in the natural and greatly more than that. Whereas a king in the natural sense is limited by constitutional provisions, a king in the spiritual sense lacks such hindrances as he is all in all. When we talk of the King of all kings and the Lord of all Lords, the issue is different entirely as He Who creates all things and sustains them by the might of His power is in charge. He does not govern by our own perception of governance as He reigns and rules by the wisdom that is eternal. Thus, He may appear and I mean appear as unreasonable in His approach; yes most unreasonable as reasonability is far from Him; yet, He is all Wisdom and all He does for any who reposes trust in Him is the best in the final ultimate. Thus when He was promising Abraham, it was his descendants that He promised will come into inheritance of the Land. Most unreasonable you will say especially when the reason He adduced was that the iniquity of the Canaanites was yet to be full. Nevertheless, we all know it was the best for His friend and servant Abraham. Having the Lord as King over one is having heaven; indeed having the New

City here on earth. Won't you give in to His lordship over your life! It is the only good thing for you and I. amen.

PRAY you are the son of the Living God Who reigns righteously over your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 11-12; Matthew 26:1-25

FEBRUARY 12TH THE GOOD IN NOT EATING ANYTHING FOR LONG

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:21 "Then as they had eaten nothing for a long time, Paul came forward into their midst and said, Men, you should have listened to me, and should not have put to sea from Crete and brought this disaster and harm and misery and loss."

No matter how it comes, non-eating or not eating at all for whatever reason and for a long time in this case is a good condition for spirituality. Just as what we eat sustains us in the natural, and determines to a large extent what hails our health, in the same manner at least, what we refuse to eat and not eating at all for any reason forces us to come close to God. This is a fact as well as a truth of Scripture. While man can manage adversity that forces him not to eat when he should and what he wants, thus humbling him; man has never been known to manage prosperity largely because of the pomposity it forces on its beneficiaries in most cases. It is the non-eating of the largely heathen men who not only peopled this ship here but who had control over same that made them listened to Paul after having refused his entreaties initially. True, poverty may be the only means for God to get your attention, and this is the truth. Men are closer to God whether by compulsion or whatever in adversity more than when they bask in opulence. This accounts for the reason majority who throng our assemblies are those who are in dire needs. It is not that the rich don't seek the Lord; but certainly not as eagerly as the poor and not as much anyway. Thus when God wants to draw you close to Himself through famine or lack of good things of life in general, do not resist Him but willingly submit to His dictates and it will be well with you, amen.

PRAY you are most enabled for the Lord and unto His purpose no mater your circumstances

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 13; Matthew 26:25-50

FEBRUARY 13TH BOASTING IN THE LORD ALL DAY AND THANKING HIM IN SAME

READ Psalm 44:8 "In God we have our boast all the day long, and we will give thanks to Your name forever more. Selah."

Boasting ordinarily is unchaste and unexpected of a believer who is truly given to God and sold out to His precepts. This is the more reason why boasters are usually condemned by many if not all of the people all the time. Yet, there seems a time when it is good to boast in the Lord God of all flesh. The apostle Paul boasted of his infirmities in the Lord and his unusual persecutions in the Lord as seen in 2 Corinthians 11:18ff. Our Lord and King boasted and indeed flaunted His credentials of being God's Delight before, during, and after creation as seen in Proverbs 8:22ff.

We cannot say God boasts of His Being, His abilities that are awesomely unlimited; His Person and Personality, and indeed, His Lordship over all. Yet, He alone talks as no one, and sings His own praises in the manner no one else can; not even the other two Personalities of the Godhead in all humility. So what is the point today in and with this piece? The point is we have a divine duty to testify to God's greatness in our lives. This is just the beginning. Over and above this, we owe it a duty to flaunt His power and preservation over us especially in His redemptive power. There is no power like the power and might of the Almighty and every true believer must be able to say this and flaunt it in the sense of proclaiming His power over us. There is no way, and I mean any effective way we can adequately tell of His unrivalled power and acts without veering occasionally as it is into the realm of boasting unless we are sore afraid of the power of the enemy. This is what the Psalter has done here. Remember that anything done in the praise of the Lord and in giving thanks is acceptable to Him provided it is motivated by His Spirit indwelling us all.

PRAY you are in the right perspective of the Most High God Always, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 14; Matthew 26:51-75

FEBRUARY 14TH PUSHING AND TREADING DOWN OUR ENEMIES IN THE NAME OF GOD

READ Psalm 44:5 "Through You shall we push down our enemies; through Your name shall we tread them under who rise up against us."

It is a truth of Scripture that we would be invincible and most formidable when we are in the Faith that is Jesus. In other words, being in the Faith is the greatest thing that any can accomplish in the power of the Holy Spirit. Yet, it is not without its costs. How do I mean? Once in the Faith, we live the life the Holy Spirit has beforehand apportioned us. We are yielded to Him without any constraint at all. Yet we have our own responsibilities. God will go ahead of us and fight our warfare as long as it is of Him. Nevertheless you and I have to physically activate our trust and hope in Him by personally going into the war front and doing the fighting. Israel in the wilderness fought their war as commanded by God. God was going ahead of them and spiritually treading down their foes. But they had to physically take on the enemies and practically conquer them as given in the Spirit. What I am saying is we are not to thrust our own responsibilities on the Lord. We are to be up and doing in His power and might while allowing His to perfect that which He alone is capable of. God will not assist me to put food in my mouth or to assist me in chewing same when I am hale and healthy. Even when sick, He does no such things. But I have to pray to Him for sustenance and faithfully play my own path. Then He would tread down for me all my foes according to His richness in His Glory. Amen.

PRAY you will be expedient in your own warfare, alleluia

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 15-16; Matthew 27:1-26

FEBRUARY 15TH AWAKING GOD FROM *HIS SLEEP*

READ Psalm 44:23 "Awake why do You sleep, O Lord? Arouse Yourself, cast us not off forever"

Despite the initial temptation to see this title as blasphemous, the truth of God is that it is from the Scriptures as noted above. In consequence, it is Scriptural. So what does it mean to wake God up as if in a sleep? Does it mean God sleeps like mortal men? If it does not mean that, so what does it mean for God to rouse Himself up as if He were previously sleeping. The Scripture makes it clear that He that watches over Israel does not and cannot sleep; not as a defect but more as a super-sleep capacity. Even the angels of God do not sleep. So it is not a matter of sleep or not sleep. What is meant by this piece is for God to hearken to the prayer of the Psalter which up till that time had not been responded to. It is more of an SOS to the Lord God Almighty. Such prayers don't come by daily or always. Instead they are prayers that one says in hours of urgent and dire need. And because of the desperation the situation requires, it is not out of place for the Prayerist to see God as previously sleeping on his request. Sleep here is therefore a figurative expression of one's view of the Almighty. Nevertheless, all I know is that there are instances that we have to cry out to God earnestly for Him to hearken to our prayers. The parable of the unjust judge and the importunate widow in Luke 18 best illustrates the issue at stake. At other times, we may not need such fire for fire approach as the situation requires a softer mode. But of a truth, God does not sleep nor does He forget as some mistakenly assume. You are most blessed in His knowledge, amen.

PRAY you are never mistaken in your approach to the Almighty God and Lord

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus17-18; Matthew 27:27-50

FEBRUARY 16TH BEING KILLED ALL DAY FOR THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY-WHAT IT MEANS

READ Psalm 44:22 "No, but for your sake we are killed all the daylong; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter."

Ordinarily, one is not killed daily as implied here in the literal sense. If one is to die daily then it behooves another meaning. But Christianity is nothing short of once and for all death and thereafter continuous death and dying on a daily bases. I have to die daily in my flesh to allow Him occupy and utilize my body as He purposes. There is no other way to it. Whether figuratively or otherwise, Christ must and would be magnified in my body. There are instances of people dying in the literal sense for their Faith in Christ Jesus and the Scripture is replete with this. Outside of this however, every Christian in the true sense daily dies for and in the Lord. It is in this connection that this Psalter is most relevant. The apostle Paul can be said to be the apostle of daily multiple dying for and in the Lord God his Savior. The second epistle to the Corinthians chapter 11 from verse 18 is a compendium of his experience in this regards. We have a lot of contemporary Christians who today experience this much. As a matter of truth, divine truth really, a lot of you reading this text now are living testimonials of daily dying for Him. What of yourself denials in all fronts? What of the sacrificial offerings you have to give faithfully and truthfully? What of the various righteous but tedious obedience of His commandment? What of the daily bearing of your own portion of His Cross not to talk of your regimented following of Him daily all days of your life? For instance, let us consider the prophet Elisha in his following the prophet and lord of his Elijah. At the tail end of their journeying, Elijah had asked Elisha to ask what he would do for him to which he replied instantaneously for the double portion of the latter's spirituality. The condition given him was to fix his eyes on him until he would be taken away from him failing which he was doomed for life. I have often visualized

the scenario-I could see the apprentice Prophet taking off his eyes from everything else including the dusty road they were journeying in and looking on his boss as an image. And it was grace, the Grace of the Lord that saw him through. If this was no dying for Him daily you tell me what else it was? It is well with you perpetual amen.

PRAY you are blessed in your daily tribulations for His Cross

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY- Leviticus 19-20; Matthew 27:51-66

FEBRUARY 17TH RAISING GOD UP FOR YOUR HELP

READ Psalm 44:26 "Rise up! Come to our help, and deliver us for Your mercy's sake and because of Your steadfast love!"

Perhaps this forms a logical conclusion of our discussions on Psalm 44. All we do in the final analysis is to rouse God up from whatever position He is in to act on our behalf and for our good. This is the ultimate. No doubt, He is Lord and God of all. He knows all things and sees all things even from eternity past. But if we were to be morons or better put robots, then He wouldn't have created us and made us lords over His creations here on earth and even in the skies of heaven. He even gives us free will the same that comes with responsibilities. What this means is we have a responsibility to talk to Him; to commune with Him; indeed, to make our feelings known to Him not because He does not know but for Him to better appreciate our positions. In Scriptural piece, He beckons on us all to come and reason with Him. His exact words: *Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord."-Isaiah1:18a.* If He summons us to commune and reason with Him, it means in part He values His creations and their features and expects us to put our features to good and maximum use. If for whatever reason I do not maximize the use of my talents, that is no fault of His. Recollect that the prophet Daniel was on his belly for 21 days praying and refusing to leave not knowing that God had answered his prayers from day one. Assuming he had ceased to continue his prayers, would the Lord be blamed for not responding to him and ensuring he ultimately gets what is decreed for him! You are your own god in the Living God. If you will not exercise your God given talents, blame no one for your misfortunes.

PRAY He lives in you and quickens your being always. Amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 21-22; Matthew 28

FEBRUARY 18TH SEEING THE UNSEEN IN THE SAVIOR AND LORD OF ALL

READ Psalm 45:2 "You are fairer than the children of men; gracious is poured upon Your lips; therefore God has blessed You forever."

Jesus our Lord and Savior was and is still the Quintessence of the Godhead. Not only was He with the Lord God and was as much as He is still God Himself, but when He was seen in the form of a man, He was a shadow of His quintessential Being as He renounced all that made Him God for the redemption and salvation of the fallen man. As a result, not much of His Being was seen when He pilgrimaged our sinful world and died for all our sins. Nevertheless, all who would come to Him by and in Faith that is Himself will see not His limited quintessential earthly being but much more than this in His original form of the Godhead. It is in this context that He is said

to be fairer than all other children of men. Yes He has to be because He was not made by the semen of the fallen man. Rather, He was made through the Holy Spirit by which His Blood was uniquely precious as to be the propitiation for the sin of the entire world. He couldn't have been any fairer, yet, only those who come to Him by Faith, His Faith really can so perceive Him. This is beyond the ordinary eyes perception. Have you seen Him thus of late? Will you continue to so perceive Him with this spiritual eyesight as it continually beholds His Glory in Himself? Only you can so decide or choose otherwise. My own admonition to you is to choose Life in Christ and be brilliantly illuminated in Him. You are blessed abundantly in Him, amen.

PRAY you will continually see the Lord God in the eyes of the spirit

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 23-24; Mark 1:1-22

FEBRUARY 19TH MAKING THE NAME OF THE LORD ETERNAL IN ALL GENERATIONS

READ Psalm 45:17 "I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore shall the people praise and give You thanks forever and ever."

Not long ago in this piece, we examined in passing the Scriptural piece which declares that we are the generations that seek Thee; that seek Thy face O Lord of Jacob. What we have here is a continuation, or better put, the amplification of that. Here is a faithful who is declaring his readiness to make the name of the Lord of Jacob the same Who is the Lord and God of all to be known and remembered in all the generation. He does not however explicate how same is to be obtained. The point really is this. By our living a righteous and faithful live here in this earth, we are not only fulfilling His commandments but more than this, we are building on His Foundation of Stony structure by which all who will live will see the favor of God and by so doing leave behind them indelible ink of good doing that coming generations will find difficult to exterminate. Take for instance the knowledge of the good deed of the Lord of Israel as we find today in Scripture by which we know the likes of Moses, Jonah, King David to mention just a few. God does not really need all of these to make Himself known to us. Yet, His work, knowledge and power are manifested daily in our knowledge of same. This is what the Psalter is maintaining here. We are to go and live this way to His Glory now that we are still on this side of His universe; for soon we would be on the other side. Magnify the name of the Lord God. Amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in the proclamation of His name now and forever more, alleluia

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 25; Mark 1:23-45

FEBRUARY 20TH CONTENDING WITH THE LOSS OF THE SHIP

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:22 "But [even] now I beg of you to be in good spirits and take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you but only of the ship."

There are instances when we have to make do with choices that are not too palatable when viewed alone. But when considered in comparison to others, we cannot but be grateful to Their

Excellencies for the good that is come out of the apparent evil. Like when God had to kill the son born through the union of both King David and Bathsheba. When one considers the gravity of his sin in comparison to the magnanimity of sparing their lives to blessing their union as wife and husband and going further in His show of Grace to making Solomon King and lord over all the others, it becomes apparent that the death of the son was a necessary sacrifice as it was for the continued good of the Davidic family. That is just one instance. Also consider our dying from our Edenic fall in comparison to either being alive in sin forever with the depreciation of our strength till eternity or dying as we are without any hope beyond the grave. When both are considered even outside of the other righteous good there from, we see that it was a righteous decision of God for us to expire in our weakness only to come up in everlasting strength that is incomparable to anything. Also in this condition is the death of Christ Jesus. When the Lord God gave up on Him, I am sure even the angels never understood the meaning thereto. Jesus Christ Who understood then couldn't withstand the challenges by the time He got to Gethsemane. Yet, He made it through in His Grace. When viewed now in retrospect, I am sure Satan and all his allies are regretting ever giving Christ the honor to so die. For if they knew what they considered a shameful death will sprout out for the Lord God in Jesus, they would have done all things to truncate same. Same is your position too. All that seems evil today in your sight will be seen tomorrow for what they truly are-the goodness of God in your life-amen.

PRAY you are into Righteous understanding of Hi Way of Righteousness always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 26-27; Mark 2

FEBRUARY 21ST KNOWING THE TRUE CONDITION FOR BEING SAVED ALWAYS

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:31 "Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, Unless these men remain in the ship, you cannot be saved."

Salvation is an all inclusive word as theologians of whom I am one will tell you which brings unto itself words like deliverance, sanctification, propitiation, justification to mention just a few. Thus one can truly be saved in the Faith that is Christ and still remain destitute of deliverance in one given instance. Take for instance our Patriarch Noah who was adjudged righteous by the Lord for he found favor in His sight. Yet, if he had failed in that one instance of his when asked to build a ship as specified and thereby remained on the surface of the land when the flood came, he would have failed to deliver himself in that one instance from the evil of nature. Or take father Abraham when ordered to go for himself or what other versions wrote down as in his on interest; if he had not obeyed as instructed and remained behind in his native country, tell me how the Lord would have delivered him from the evil of his generation and that of the entire world then? Or when he was asked to sacrifice his own son and having been instructed to drive away the slave woman's son, had he not obeyed, you tell me how he would have appropriated the blessings poured earlier on him by Him Who is able? The point is after coming into salvation, we still have to work and continue to working out our own salvation as noted in Philippians 2:12ff. Otherwise, we would all end up like Judas Iscariot who although numbered among the

twelve and partook of the impartation, yet crashed out of the ministry for not being able to deliver himself from greed. Remain blessed in the Lord God Almighty, alleluia.

PRAY you will not cease for once to doing good by refusing to obey all instructions of His

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 1-3; Mark 3

FEBRUARY 22ND LEARNING TO TAKING FOOD FOR STRENGTH IN TURBULENCE

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:34 "So I urge (warn, exhort, encourage, advise) you to take some food [for your safety]-it will give you strength; for not a hair is to perish from the head of anyone of you."

Naturally, we lose appetite in times of trouble. This is human nature really. Apart from the emotional frailty, we tend to compound our situation by refusing the only medicinal panacea-food which is crucially important in the condition we are. The medical experts coming into the knowledge of this have insisted that the sick be given food by all possible means to sustain the strength remaining and preventing the collapse of the entire body system. Also in the spiritual, unless we are observing a fast by His Word not by any other means, food, and good one for that matter must never be compromised. Apart from preventing sickness, good food at the appointed time is God's provision for all living creatures to sustaining their strength. In Scripture, we see how God instructed the prophet Elijah thrice to eat bread baked on stone by His angels to be able to face the journey of fasting for forty days and forty nights. We are to muster strength in times of adversity to eat to remain alive as He would want us to. The prophet and King David gave us an instance and a good one though. He had fasted for seven days before his son through the adulterous union with Bathsheba died. But as soon as the son was dead, he asked for and was given food. Why? It was because the living has the odious responsibility to keep on living and nothing to the contrary. You and I must live through our trials and tribulations until the Lord is prepared to call us home. It is well with you and me as we listen to His wisdom.

PRAY you are not missing out in His wisdom available to all faithful

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 4-6; Mark 4:1-20

FEBRUARY 23RD BREAKING AND EATING THE BREAD-ISSUES INVOLVED

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:35 "Having said these words, he took bread and giving thanks to God before them all, he broke it and began to eat."

Literally, breaking of bread among the easterners of which the Jews were and are still part involved lifting up the piece of bread and breaking it into two. But no Jew who is religious in whatever form will do that without thanking the Lord for same. This is the message I want you to note. Here were a people who were face to face with death as it were. As a result, they had hardly taken anything for fourteen days. Yet there came the message of God that all is well with all living in the ship except of course the ship herself. For the apostle Paul to convince his

listeners who had no choice but to believe, he had to be seen to be in control of the situation not just being in control. Hence, he was courageous, hopeful in the Lord and assertive at the same time as he took the bread but not without first thanking the Lord God for same even at that difficult time and place. The lesson here is for all of us faithful to be abreast of all situations in which we find ourselves. God is good as not to leave us for one moment even when we are most weak as not to do His will. He is God in heavens and on earth, and beneath the earth. He is Lord of the entire universe and nothing chances into existence. No. Not before the Creator of the universe. We have to come to the level where in whatever situation regardless of how we get there, all we do primarily is to thanking God of the heavens for He is good for His mercies endure forever. In this are you and I most blessed. Never allow anything to take His thanks away from your heart. It is like giving in to death if you ever allow this. You will never be a loss in your journey with and in the Savior. Praise the Lord God alleluia.

PRAY you are most blessed in His Grace forever more, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 7-8; Mark 4:21-41

FEBRUARY 24TH REFUSING THE SINFUL COUNSEL OF THE SOLDIERS

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:42 "It was the counsel of the soldiers to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim to land and escape."

For as long as we live, we shall never be immuned to having foolish, sinful, and outright wicked advise whether the giver knowingly does same or not. The Scripture is replete of this. On our part, we must know how and when to refuse a bad advice in the name of the Lord and damn the consequences. Not once the King and Priest David was given foolish and sinful advice by his closest commanders though not with any evil intentions. First was the advice given by his nephew who was also his commander Abishai that Shimei should be executed for cursing the Lord's anointed both before and after the victory over the Absalom rebellion. Still not done it was this nephew of his who twice advised that King Saul should be slain as God had given him into the hands of King David; for no one will see his enemy in a warfare and let him go scot free. In all these situations, the prophet and King David rejected the advices and tutored his followers on the need to be righteous always. Again on the return from the slaughter of the Amalekites who had raided King David's village Ziklag in the Philistines, some evil soldiers advised that those who were too weak to war but stayed behind should not share of the booty of the warfare. David rejected this and declared that both they who physically warred and those who stayed behind were to share the booty equally. Here again is an evil counsel to commit murder, mass murder indeed to be precise, was given but rejected. You must know the kind of advice to accept. You will be held accountable in the final analysis. Amen.

PRAY I am neither an evil counselor nor a taker of evil counsel.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 9-11; Mark 5:1-20

FEBRUARY 25TH WHEN ALL ESCAPES SAFELY AS THE LORD HAS DECREED

READ Acts of the Apostles 27:44 "And the rest on heavy boards or pieces of vessels. And so it was that all escaped safely to land."

Like the apostle and King David, I have been young both in age and in His Way. Now I am not old yet in either although I am growing in both. I can confidently say and emphatically too that there is no Word of God truly uttered through whichever source He has chosen; and I mean whichever source as He has once spoken through an ass, which was an unclean animal not to talk of other instances in Scripture when the Lord had ministered to those who were not overtly worshippers of His that will not come to fruition. For instance when He called Abram, he was still in heathen worship. Yet, He spoke to Him therein. Again, He spoke and distinctly to the enchanters and star gazers who came from Babylon in search of the Man-God, God-Man Child just born in Bethlehem. If you doubt all these, what about His speaking in the vision of the night to both Nebuchadnezzar and Pharaoh at different times? Do not be amazed. God is the God of all creations and Lord of all at the same time. As a result, He talks to whoever, whenever, and however. Alleluia. Any Word of God spoken has found fulfillment already. As a result, there is no problem of coming to vanity at all. It is impossible for any Word of God not to come to pass. How it comes to fulfillment and when is not the business of the prophet. Isaiah prophesied the Virgin birth of the Savior. He was so many thousands of years dead when the Word of God came to pass. It is not about the prophet but the Word the Same that is Lord God. So what Word of God has been spoken into your Life? Be of good cheers, it has come to pass. But if it is evil you better pray same away now. Amen.

PRAY you know quite well that the Word of God is already settled in heaven

HIS BLOOD HIS FLEAH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 12-14; Mark 5:21-43

FEBRUARY 26TH REFUSING TO BE MADE LORD WHETHER KNOWINGLY OR NOT

READ Genesis 50:17 "So shall you say to Joseph: Forgive (take up and away all resentment and all claim to requital concerning), I pray you now, the trespass of your brothers and their sin, for they did evil to you. Now, we pray you, forgive the trespass of the servants of your father's God. And Joseph wept when they spoke thus to him."

Why did Joseph weep as noted in today's Scriptural piece? It is because they wittingly made him Lord God which position no one can and will ever take. It is common for man to want to worship fellow man for want of knowledge and for favors. It is not what you and I can prevent. Nevertheless, we are in a position to reject this outright and to correct the high blasphemy. This we have seen throughout Scripture. Even the angelic being who was giving the apostle John his vision recorded as the Revelation which forms the last book of the Bible refused to be worshipped. The only Being in Scripture Who righteously accepts worship because it belongs to Him is the Angel of His Presence in the Old Testament and Jesus Christ the Son of God in the New Testament. The Third Personality of the Godhead is equally qualified so to do. But I can't

easily remember instances in Scripture when He does this. So where do you and I come in, in all these? We come in as we are to know our limits. Daniel refused to accept credit for the interpretation of the undisclosed dream of the Emperor of his time. Joseph also refused to take credit in similar circumstance pointing Pharaoh to the truth that God and only Him will give the interpretation. When we receive glory for what God accomplishes through us, we play God. Cease from doing this henceforth. You are blessed amen.

PRAY you are able to refuse His Glory even when disguised and never play God Almighty

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 15-16; Mark 6:1-29

FEBRUARY 27TH RESPONDING ADEQUATELY TO WANTING TO MAKING A GOD OUT OF YOU

READ Genesis 50:19 "And Joseph said to them, Fear not; for am I in the place of God? [Vengeance is His, not mine.]"

Here we are again as we examine Joseph's righteous response to his near deification by his brethren. We may have no choice as to whether or not people attempt to make a god out of us for one reason or the other. Definitely however, we have a choice as to how we react in this dangerous circumstance. In one of his missionary journeys, the apostles Paul and Barnabas were deified calling one after their own god and the other after another. But the apostle Paul rightly rejected the offer pointing out that they were ordinary men like the others only used extraordinarily by the Almighty God. Although it cost them severe hardship thereafter from the people who were beneficiaries of the Lord's miracles, it made no difference for the children of God who acted appropriately. This was to be contrasted to King Herod who received praises for what he was not for which the Holy Spirit slew him immediately as he was eaten up by worms from within. Here also, we see how it is to react in rejecting any attempt to glorify the individual through whom God had manifested Himself as opposed to the Lord God of the heavens. You will do yourself and your household a lot of good if you place yourself in total humility as you point all towards God while you stay in the background which truly belongs to you and I. God you know never changes neither does He age whereas you and I age and eventually expire. To God therefore belongs all Glory and Honor. Amen.

PRAY you are not made what God has never make of you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 17-19; Mark 6:30-56

FEBRUARY 28TH BEING HIS DISCIPLE TRULY

READ John 8:31 "So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples."

One way of looking at today's Gospel piece is to see it from the other side. This is that if you do not live according to the teachings of Christ Jesus the Savior and Lord, then you are not His disciples truly. What this means in part is that believing in Christ Jesus certainly goes beyond

profession by the mouth as important as that is to our faithfulness. Even beyond our conviction from within is the need to act as believed. Thus if any acts contrary to what the Lord stipulates, he or she shows that he is not with the Lord truly or she as the case may be. We come to a theological truth the same that stipulates that we can only appropriate faith through obedience. In other words, the essence of believing at all is to be able to come to terms with the principles of the Faith. It makes no sense at all for any to claim faith in Christ while hobnobbing with Satan. In the least this is hypocrisy the same which is defined as claiming to be who and what one is not or denying to be who one is truly. In this context, the issue of Faith and Faithing in the Savior is made concrete. How do I mean? Nobody needs know my profession of Faith before appreciating that I am of the Faith of Christ. How do they come to this realization? It is by seeing the good deeds of Christ in me just as it was seen and is still being seen in Christendom. Alleluia.

PRAY you are truly His and nothing else

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 20-22; Mark 7:1-13

FEBRUARY 29TH KNOWING THE TRUTH AND ALLOWING THE TRUTH TO KNOW ONE

READ John 8:32 "And you shall knows the Truth, and the Truth will set you free."

To start with, the Truth in this case is nothing inanimate. It is God in Christ Jesus. It is knowing the totality of the Redemptive and soteriological works of Jesus Christ by which mankind is saved from perdition of sin and sinning. It is internalizing the Word of God and being able to live same on a daily basis. Indeed, knowing the Truth that can and will only set one free is allowing the Truth of Scripture to dominate one's life in a manner nothing else can. It is knowing and putting into practice all that the Lord wants of us all to His glorification. It is not using the Scripture even if this were ever possible to one's end. Rather, it is genuinely yielding and submitting oneself to the Lord and God of the heavens in such a way that the life one leads is nothing but the life of Jesus Christ Himself. It is appropriating all that the Word will give regardless of the cost and costing to oneself. This then is knowing or better put appropriating the Truth. Inability of the so called faithful to be who God has fashioned each to be today is a proof that they are no true disciples of His. The life of Christ or the new Life in Christ Jesus for all who will believe is a life of total submission to the will and purpose of God Almighty as Jesus Christ demonstrated by His total yielding to the will of His Father when He pilgrimaged this earth. Only then will this Truth that is Jesus set anyone free of himself and his flesh while enduing him with the spiritual which is what the Truth is. Are you this enabled? You had better be today.

PRAY you're this endued in the Lord truly today

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 100: 1-5; Revelation 22:1-21

MARCH 1ST NOT BEING SLAVE TO SIN ANY MORE

READ John 8:34 "Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Whoever commits and practices sin is the slave of sin."

Perhaps the better way of starting today's analysis is to characterize the full meaning of the word *whoever* in the Scriptural piece above. Whoever as here characterized means anybody without exception. The only person exempted from this is one who is not living. Even if the dead were able to practice sin after committing same he or she [the dead] is also the slave to sin. By implication my status has nothing to do with whether or not I am slave o sin. Be you the President or the so called Primate and Founder of churches, once you commit sin and go further to practicing same, then you are slave to sin and sinning. There is the need to further characterize the sentence further especially the meaning of *commit* and *practice.* Whereas commit involve once or occasional act, practice as here employed stand for habit; something that is habitual which is the same thing as saying it is one's way of life. Thus, any who has chosen sinful act or acts as a way of life by habitually doing same is a slave to sin. Slave as a lexical item here stands for being overtaken and completely taken over by the sinful act such that the sin has mastered him or her instead of him or her mastering sin as admonished in Genesis 4. In effect, I am not a true Christian my church duties not withstanding if I am a slave to sin. You are not a true Christian as long as you have failed to master sin and put same under effective control in Christ. So how do I master sin and place same under my control? This is most simple. It is by submitting yourself totally to Christ in the power of the Holy Ghost the same that will empower and embolden you to put sin under perpetual injunction. You can do it. You are meant to do it. Thi9sm is why you are empowered when you received the Holy Ghost. So put this to practice today and be blessed forever more. Amen.

PRAY you make yourself exempted from sin and sinning in the power of the Holy Ghost

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 23-25; Mark 7:14-37

MARCH 2ND KNOWING THE POWER OF LIBERATION FROM SIN TRULY BELONGS TO THE SON

FREAD John 8:36 "So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are really and unquestionably free."

Only the Son in the Person and Being of Jesus Christ can and is able to set free from sin and sinning. This is so because it is given to Him only under the sun that redemption from sin shall come through His vicarious and substitutionary sacrifice on the Cross some two thousand years ago and beyond. What do I mean? He paid the price for our sins as ordained by the Righteous and Just God Who required that the wages of sin be death of the sinner. In that we cannot satisfactorily pay this debt the same that is eternal and spiritual, He God made Himself in His Son to come down and lived with us and died with us all who will believe in Him. Therefore there is no salvation in any other. It doesn't matter what you have read or you have been bamboozled to believe otherwise. This is the Truth of Scripture the same that is not lie. That Jesus Christ is given the odious task by His Father to make the Father known to the world and the world to know Jesus as the only Way to the Father. This is the sense in which Christ Jesus

has declared that if any would accept Him as having truly come from the Father and would repose confidence in Him Jesus, he is immediately enabled to overcome sin and sinning as Jesus Himself. Truly therefore, such a person is permanently freed from sin as long as he abides in the Faith fulfilling all necessities of obedience to Jesus Christ the Savior. You are this blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you are this enabled in His power and might

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 26-27; Mark 8:1-21

MARCH 3RD WORKING OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION YOURSELF

READ Philippians 2:12 "Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God, and discredit the name of Christ."

You need not read again the title of this piece. Your guess ids not correct as there is no mistake or pun intended. You and I and indeed all faithful has to work out in all seriousness of thoughts and acts, his or her own salvation after having been saved in Christ Jesus. So what is salvation then if I have to work out my own salvation and you yours in Christ Jesus after coming to the Faith? Salvation is being saved from perdition in the eternal sense and otherwise in Christ Jesus. It is a call to doing enormous good deeds in Christ all days of one's life after coming into the Faith and after being Holy Ghost baptized. It is not that once you truly give your life to Christ, it is all over. It doesn't matter what you do thereafter. There is nothing as mistaken as this. Being saved is a call into righteous working and walking all days of one's life not in one's ability and strength even if this were ever possible; but in the power and might of the Savior Himself. For this one is rewarded in eternity life really with a shadow show of the same reward here on earth. Where one makes a shipwreck of one's salvation after having truly come into the Faith by renouncing the Faith in whatever means, one's end is worse than not having believed at all. Put is another way; salvation is a call to holy living and righteous work and walking such that the positional salvation is perfected at the end of one's journey here on earth. Otherwise, one has done all in vain. The Lord be blessed now and forever more amen.

PRAY I am this blessed in His true knowledge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 28-30; Mark 8:22-38

MARCH 4TH KNOWING THAT IT IS GOD WHO IS ALL EFFECTUALLY WORKING IN YOU

READ Philippians 2:13 "[Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight."

Let me confess to you the truth of the revelation of God Almighty in using me to work out His purpose for all who read this piece and or who listen to His message through me. I have said it quite often but I am not in this forum even though all members of my congregation at home are accustomed to same. I am the most blessed in all His writings as He not only revealed more truths of His Word to me in me but also more than this always elevates me when I write when He so orders, and as ordered. This is one instance as I am seeing more of His revelation that in whatever one does, one is either being motivated and energized by God or by Satan. There is no other way to it. I am either a righteous worker of God's intentions for which I am rewarded both here and there; or I am an unrighteous worker of the will and purpose of Satan for which I am equally punished both here and there. In this way, you have to ask yourself before going into any work, purpose, and activity-who is the motivator of what you are about to do? Put another way, who is blessed or whose name is brought into disrepute in my intended action-God or who? Where one can assertively answer that God is the sole Author of the act and the Energizer of same as it can be well defended in Scripture, then one should go ahead and be what He the Lord has made of one in that particular instance. This accounts for why Christ refused to act against the Father's will when arrested and subsequently crucified.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 31-32; Mark 9:1-29

MARCH 5TH DOING ALL THING IN FAITH AND NOT QUESTIONING GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Philippians 2:14 "Do all things without grumbling and faultfinding and complaining [against God] and questioning and doubting [among yourselves]."

Don't ever think believers or faithful who truly know God in whatever form do not question God, although this is unrighteous and unfaithful. In my position as His minister, I have faced instances when faithful who are bereaved or moaning in one form or the other; or who are aggrieved for one reason or the other question God's sovereignty in their moment of grieve. I have seen quite a number really. I know I had done it myself long ago but I cannot specifically remember an instance now I would have plainly recollected it. All I know now is I have learnt and I have been strengthened by and in Him to take whatever is my fate, no matter the situation. I never go praying for persecution; neither do I run into turbulence by choice nor willingly engage evil to show anything. No. I never ever do such foolish things. But I am prepared in Christ to face whatever situation my Faith and faithing in Him will bring upon me. Those who know me a little will testify to the truth that I give thanks to God in whatever situation I am. I do not ever doubt His instructions even though I verify all commandments given in His name to ensure I am not playing the devil's game. Once sure God has spoken, I do not doubt. I don't ask what if ot anything of such. Over and beyond this, I disregard what any and every person will say to my faithing in Him. I just press forward in His Grace and power to please Him and Him alone. It is most well with you and all who will repose confidence in the Lord God, amen.

PRAY you are blessed in the Lord always and forever more

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 34-36; Mark 9:30-50

MARCH 6TH SHOWING YOURSELF BLAMELESS AND GUILELESS

READ Philippians 2:15 "That you may show yourselves to be blameless and guileless, innocent and uncontaminated, children of God without blemish (faultless, unrebukable) in the midst of a crooked and wicked generation [spiritually perverted and perverse], among whom you are seen as bright lights (stars or beacons shining out clearly) in the [dark] world."

Believing in Christ Jesus and so living faithfully in Him is to demonstrate to the world and prove oneself as obedient to all commandments of God Almighty. Once this is ensured, one is blameless before God and before all who love God and does His will here on earth. It is not enough to believe and secretly so practice one's faith. Faithing in Jesus Christ of Nazareth is showcasing Him to the dark world. This is one reason why we believed in Him in the first instance. There is no reason why I would be called into His Faith; why you will be commissioned only for you to hide your enablement in Him. We are to go into the world to showcase Christ Jesus as good doing in all we are privileged to handle. More than this, we are to demonstrate to the world that believing in Jesus Christ is not antagonistic to conforming to the Laws of the Land. As a matter of fact and divine truths, almost all Laws of nations have a moral basis in Scripture. For the aim of God is for us to live our lives decently, obediently, and lawfully too. The Scripture is replete with many injunctions and admonitions asking us to obey all lawful and righteous laws of the land for no authority comes from no one unless from the Lord God Who alone reigns in the Kingdom of men. So for whatever reason He decides to bring any to power, as long as he conforms to the Laws of God, we are to be subject to the Laws of the land. It is unthinkable to see Christians justifiably sentenced for criminal acts in whatever situation. It does no good to the testimony of Jesus Christ, whose banner we hoist if we truly suffer as criminals. In and for this, we owe it a duty to let our righteousness be seen for what it is. Remain blessed in Him forever more, amen.

PRAY you live your faith most righteously always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 1-2; Mark 10:1-31

MARCH 7TH HOLDING OUT AND OFFERING THE WORD OF LIFE TO ALL

READ Philippians 2:16 "Holding out [to it] and offering [to all men] the Word of Life, so that in the day of Christ I may have something of which exultantly to rejoice and glory in that I did not run my race in vain or spend my labor to no purpose."

Further to our discussions of yesterday, we as Christians typify and personify the Light of the world that is held in trust for the Lord God Who is so mighty in His love and compassion that He has saddled us with the responsibility of flagging off His message of Redemption. Thus, how well we do this not to say we refuse to doing this in a lot of ways will affect our assessment in the day of Christ. We are not just saved for our own souls alone good and great as this is. More than this, we are saved largely to effectively and effectually participate in the evangelization of the whole universe in the manner approved for each of us. Peradventure any of us fails in this

gargantuan task; he will likely be shamed in the day of Christ. This I do not pray for the worst of my enemy if there is any as such. Accordingly, what we all need is to evangelize with vigor unknown; with valor unprecedented; with zeal unimaginable but all in the love of the most High God. No doubt we are running the race of our lives as programmed by Their Excellencies. Yet, we are not the Author of this race; no, we are not. As co-worker of Christ therefore, we should allow His ministering Spirit and Leadership prowess to see us through as we perform our own part of the ministration. This is why you and I are living. This is why you and I have been called into His Vineyard. We shall not be shamed in Jesus Mighty and Holy Name, amen.

PRAY you ensure your light in Christ so shines to its maximum always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 3-4; Mark 10:32-52

MARCH 8TH KNOWING WHAT CHRIST'S FATHER HAS PROMISED

READ Luke 24:49 "And behold, I will send forth upon you what My Father has promised; but remain in the city [Jerusalem] until you are clothed with power from on high."

Empowerment from on High where that means from the highest heavens is what every and all believers need. That was and that is still the Promise of the Father God Almighty to Jesus Christ the Savior of us all for all who will truly repose confidence in Him. This I treasure much. I do not understand this power myself. But I know Him and He powers me. I cannot control the Power from on High, but the Power of God from on High; from the very abode of God Himself controls me to His own Glory. I do not have to agree with Him in any and all that He does in me for His own Glory, but I faith in Him so much as to always subject my will to His. Most of the time, I obey Him because He has so enabled Him. In rare times when I obey the eleventh commandment which is self will; it is because I had refused His infusement of power and being into me. Despite my solo act, He still powers me into submission and understanding of His way. Because of His power made available to me, and if me all who will trust Him as well, I need no earthly power for reigning in His world over which He has given me dominion. I need not worry about any and all things, and I mean it truly so. God is in me and His power is enough for me. I have waited in His Jerusalem for me and I have received HIS empowerment. All the days of my life, He continues to infill same as He alone deems fit. I am made equal to all He would assign me in this world. I am ready for all things in Him by this His empowerment. I am made self sufficient in Christ's self sufficiency, and His alone. By and for this, I declare most strongly that I can and will do all things assigned to me in Christ by His power at all fullness of time because He infuses inner strength in me as the need arises. Glory be His Holy Name. Amen.

PRAY you know the full worth of this on high empowerment of His

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 5-7; Mark 11:1-18

MARCH 9TH KNOWING GOD THE REFUGE AND STRENGTH OF ALL BELIEVERS

READ Psalm 46:1 "GOD IS our Refuge and Strength [mighty and impenetrable to temptation], a very present and well-proved help in trouble."

To know is to come to knowledge. It is to recognize beyond refusal that which is to be known. Knowing God is coming into His Faith the same that is the Faith of Jesus Christ the Nazarene. Doing this is reposing confidence and trust in Him as opposed to anyone else. Once we are in the Faith of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, we are to so walk as we daily take in His Word which we have come to internalize by daily reading, meditation, and memorization such that when the need arises, we are not short of the appropriate Word of God. In this we know that knowing Jesus as Lord is no immunity against temptation, trials, and persecutions; but it is a sure overcome and conquest over all persecutions, trials, and temptations. If Christ Himself was never immuned to temptations and trials and was indeed temptation laden and persecution prone, but He overcame all; then believing in Him is an assurance of His Present Help to me and to others as well not only in times of trouble but more so in times of affluence and peace. In short His Name alone is the assurance we need in every time of our life never minding what the extenuating time is. We are saved in His Name as we are also delivered from all evils by the same name. Not just mentioning the name which anybody can do; but we are talking of calling on the Name above all names given by no less a Personality than God Himself by which we are saved. Knowing this much is seeing for Who He is-our Refuge and Help. Alleluia.
PRAY you will always call on this Name of all names every time of your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 8-10; Mark 11:19-33

MARCH 10TH KNOWING THE GOD OF THE HEAVENS IN HER MIDST

READ Psalm 46:5 "God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God will help her right early [at the dawn of the morning]."

By her midst here is meant but not limited to the redeemed Israel at her conversion at the end of the age. However, God is in the midst of all believers whether singly or collectively as a result, the believer or the company of believers shall never be moved where that means they shall never be troubled to the extent of being conquered by the enemy no matter the situation. I believe in this as well as other promises and assurances in the Scripture for believers of whom I am one in all humility. It is not that I can't be defeated. No. I can be defeated by any and at all times. With Jesus on my side, I am undefeatable by any and all foes because He is my Shield and in His name I am what and who I am. I am sure of what I have just written here. The essence is to embolden your faith and trust in the Mighty Lord and Savior Jesus Christ of Nazareth such that if you were fighting against the mountain no matter how solid and rocky it is, you will prevail, not in your power but absolutely in the power and might of the Mighty Savior Who dwells in you. He is the Present Help we all need to pilgrimage this earth successfully. We are made so in His power and MIGHT and we should so behave. No matter the temptation, always realize that God dwells in you; as a result, you shall not be moved. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are most assured in the Blessed Assurance of the Savior, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 11-13; Mark 12:1-27

MARCH 11TH COME AND BEHOLD THE WORKINGS OF GOD

READ Psalm 46:8 "Come, behold the works of the Lord, Who has wrought desolations and wonders in the earth."

The Psalter has declared that all should come, taste, and then see that the Lord is good. I have come into the Lord after being born into Him, and I have seen and tasted that the Lord God Who reigns in Zion is good. I wonder what I would have done without the Lord of Zion being in, being with, and being for me. No, I wouldn't have been anything and I am saying this with all seriousness and humility. There is no playing to the gallery in this. I say what I believe. God has been good to me. Not just this, thousands of people have tasted and seen that the Lord is equally good through my ministration. We all can't be wrong neither can we all be deceiving ourselves. For by His Grace, I am called to minister to the enlightened; to the intellectuals; to those who are what each society craves to have to be who and what is desired. So it is not that we are fooling ourselves. God is good and there is nothing as good as being in the Lord. The apostle, priest, and King David noted in Scripture that he was once young; but then he had become old in the Lord and yet he had not seen nor can any see the righteous forsaken or beg for bread. It is good to be in the Lord. I am not talking of happiness. I am telling you of the Joy that is God and the Joy that is in the service of the Lord. You will not regret it. I pray and hope the Lord Omnipotent will let you find Him and today too. Alleluia.

PRAY you are brought into the Lord God of the heavens

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 14-16; Mark 12:28-44

MARCH 12TH KNOWING THE LORD GOD FURTHER IN HIS WORKINGS

READ Psalm 46:9 "He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow into pieces and snaps the spear in two; He burns the chariots in the fire."

Although majority of our experiences in life are largely through impersonal encounters, nevertheless, the best of experiences are witnessed most of the time through personally going through same. It is in this regard that the best anyone can have of GOD is that witnessed personally by the person. A lot of experiences are documented in Scripture for our education and strengthening. If all the Bible or better put, if all the Lord does is what is in the Bible and no more, then He is better consigned to history. But I am talking of the Living God; the Wonder working God; the Lord of the Living and not of the dead. He Who is, was, and is again and Who alone will be forever and ever. All the Bible records are for our understanding and motivation such that we can appropriate same now and more also depending on our level of Faith and faithing in Him. He has said in Scripture that any who believes in Him will do all the works He has done and greater works also because He Jesus was going back to the Father Who promised to give us the Comforter as never before. Yes! At the end of this world, wars shall be no more. All

weapons of warfare shall be consumed in His last warfare with evil forces. Then and then He only will reign in Peace as never before. These are truths of the Scripture for your upliftment. It is well with you today, amen.

PRAY you are in His wonder working team here on earth

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 17-19; Mark 13:1-20

MARCH 13TH LEARNING TO KNOWING GOD IN BEING STILL

READ Psalm 46:10 "Let be and be still, and know (recognize and understand) that I am Go. I will be exalted among the nations!"

The nature of man is always to help himself and where he is lost, man has been established as the mammal that runs fastest away into the abyss. Can you imagine being lost and yet running headlong? To where you want to ask? This is the sense in which the Bible teaches variously that believers should be still as the Lord God does that which only He can do. Can you recollect what happened to Israel as they faced the Sea of Reeds and the host of Pharaoh almost suicidally pursuing them? The Bible said the people became most agitative to put it mildly and would have killed Moses and his brethren in the leadership and then returned in capitulation to the enemy. But what did the Bible instruct? The Lord commanded Moses to ask them to be still and quiet. Why? This is because being still in turbulence smacks of caution, composure, and in most cases being able to reason the correct action. For the Faithful, being still in Faith is demonstrating hope and trust in God. It is a testimony of recognizing the Lord as God and waiting on Him for His most appropriate action or even what we may call inaction as it may not correspond to our expectation. The message for you and I today is to be magnified in the Faith that is Jesus Christ such that as we progress in His Word through constant communing with and in Him, we would develop; yes, we have to develop the Faith that stills all fears in challenging situations. Hence, the relevance of today's text-Be still, and know that I am God in paraphrase though. Remain blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY you are informed and developed in the Faith that is Jesus the Nazarene

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY- Deuteronomy 20-22; Mark 13:21-37

MARCH 14TH SHOUTING TO GOD WITH THE VOICE OF TRIUMPH

READ Psalm 47:1 "O CLAP your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph and songs of joy!"

Believers are overcomers in the Lord Jesus. What this means is that regardless of our situations in the physical and in the present environment in which we are living; we have overcome in Christ Jesus from the foundation of the world only perfected on the Roman Cross when our Lord paid the righteous price of sin to the Righteous Judge and Lord God Almighty. Accordingly, nothing untoward can affect me. Yes they may befall me like other Christian faithful. But unlike

the unbelievers, I am more than conquerors by the Blood of Him Who paid the price for me. As a result, I shouldn't see any trial or persecution as anything extraordinary. I am born of the Spirit and the flesh and no weapon fashioned against my being in the Lord shall prosper. Like my Savior and Lord, I may suffer persecution or even martyrdom if and only if it is His purpose and desire for me. But to be overwhelmed in my persecution is never to be contemplated. For just as God was in Christ in all His tribulation, God in the Holy Spirit is also in and with me in all my travails. As a result, I shall not ever be moved. Consequently, I will sing His praises in all and every situation. I will proclaim His holy name and doings in all generations. I will magnify His works and workings in my life to His Glory and honor. This I will always do with the assurance of His victory won over for all the faithful from the foundation of the earth. Glory is God in the highest heaven, alleluia.

PRAY you are most triumphal in His praises all year round

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-DEUTERONOMY 23-25; Mark 14: 1-26

MARCH 15TH SINGING PRAISES TO GOD OUR LORD

READ Psalm 47:6 "Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!"

God is not just our Lord and Savior, He is also our King. Unlike earthly kings whose reign and dynasty are brought to an end by death, God is eternal as His Kingdom is everlasting. Knowing that He Who loves us and rules over us is unchanging, unaging, and everlasting is a reason, indeed, the reason for being forever grateful to Him Who alone sits on the winds and is never threatened by same. I have to praise Him always and in all forms. I have to talk His praises by way of testimonies; shout His praises by way of proclamation, pray His praises by way of intercession and communing, and lastly sing His praises by being enmeshed and being engrossed in His songs and singing all the time. Paul and Silas were singing His praises as they prayed overnight in their imprisonment the same that caused an unprecedented earthquake that not only caused their release but also the conversion of the jailer. You and I will do well if we cultivate the habit of always being enshrined in His Praises. One thing that is needful all the time is His praises. Practice same today and see His wonders as never before in your life. I have been there before now. I am there right now. And I will dwell therein forever more, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are made His praise forever more amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 26-27; Mark 14:26-53

MARCH 16TH KNOWING THE GREATNESS OF OUR LORD

READ Psalm 48:1 "GREAT IS the Lord, and highly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain."

How does one know the greatness of the unknowable God? How does one come into the knowledge of the Almighty and all seeing God of the universe? Generally, the same way one

comes into knowledge is applicable to learning and knowing about God only that it is backed up and prompted by the Spirit Who is God Himself. This should pose no problem as no one has ever known anything about God without God beckoning on him or her. For instance Moses came to know God when God appeared to him in the burning bush that was not consumed. That was a personal revelation of God to him and it was the beginning really as he had to learn and experience Him the more as he journeyed with Him in the wilderness. The same was true of Abram who was to become Abraham after scaling the initial difficulties of comprehending the invincible Lord of all. He was to get acquainted with Him in his journey of Faith. We conclude that knowing God and growing in His revelation of Himself is hinged on continuous and continual learning of Him first in the Scripture as well as personally experiencing Him in teachings, sermons, dreams, and personal walking and working in and with Him. His greatness is revealed and contained in His acts of old all Inscriptured as the Holy Book. This forms the foundation of His revelation. Personal journeying and communing in Him will reveal more of His greatness. Have you found Him of recent? How great is His revelation to you? Remain blessed in Him perpetual. Amen.

PRAY you are made great in His great revelation of His Person

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 28-29; Mark 14:54-72

MARCH 17TH GOD'S REVELATION OF HIMSELF IN HIS PALACES

READ Psalm 48:3 "God has made Himself known in her palaces as a Refuge (a High Tower and a Stronghold)."

In our discussions of yesterday, we averred that God reveals Himself to all as no one can come to Him whom He does not personally call. As a result we see His different ways of revealing Himself to His prophets of old in the beginning of their books. One is not exactly as the other. But in all, it was God reaching out to all. It is in this context that today's Bible text is important. We are told and quite truly that God reveals Himself through His works here classified as palaces where He was and still is the Refuge of His people who truly trust in Him. In this we see that God was able to protect all His own in their hours of need whether or not they knew it. For instance, He called Abram from the Hur of the Chaldeans and made a people of great strength and promise of Him. Throughout his sojourn in the strange land his progenitors were to later inherit, God protected him severally and corporately as no harm was able to come on him. Twice he was preserved from those who would have killed him for his wife through God's dread both in dream and experientially. Later they were preserved in Egypt in the great famine. Four hundred and thirty years there from, He led them out defenselessly but not without His Defense as they trooped out and the hosts of Egypt were consumed in the waters of the Sea of Reeds. The Jordan saw them and receded while the Sea parted ways for them. He fed them with heavenly fowls called the quails as well as manna for a period of forty years. When they sinned against Him, He destroyed the sinners in their thousands. He later established them in the Promised Land and built up their defense. He placed King David over them as they were prominent and

known to the whole world. In all these He was their Refuge and Stronghold. Why not repose confidence in Him today and always!

PRAY you know the Lord God in His greatness always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 30-31; Mark 15:1-25

MARCH 18TH GOD'S NAME EQUALS HIS PRAISE

READ Psalm 48:10 "As is Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness (rightness and justice)"

When we say God's name equals His Praise what do we really mean? What is the characterization of the name of the Lord on its own? For our practical application, the name of the Lord is the identity of the Lord God through His many works in our life. When for instance God amazingly surprised Abraham by the substitutionary provision of a ram instead of his son, he called the name of the Lord Jehovah Jireh meaning God will provide. There are a lot of other instances in Scripture. Hagar called the name of the Lord Who saw her as her son cried for help as the Lord Who sees her. This has been the pattern ever since. When God manifests Himself in this way, it is natural for the human flesh to acknowledge Him in that given instance by singing His Praise. This is the sense in which the name of the Lord is the same as His Praise. Put another way, every instance of the name of the Lord is an occasion for singing His Praises as the Lord will never reveal Himself without the miraculous. As a matter of divine truth, God is the Miraculous. Whether in the life of an individual or in the nationality or in the history of the man as a whole, the same is the situation-God revealing Himself through His works. So how much of God has been revealed to you of late? Put another way, how much of God have you allowed to be revealed to you of recent? It is most well with you in Him amen.

PRAY you are graciously blessed abundantly in Him always, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 32-34; Mark 15:26-67

MARCH 19TH REJOICING IN THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF THE LORD GOD

READ Psalm 48:11 "Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your [righteous] judgments!"

Knowing the Lord is not enough. Rejoicing enough may not be the best we give to Him. But rejoicing in all His all no matter the situation is the best one can give to God his Creator and this is expected of us all. There is no exception to this truth. So how does one rejoice to His judgment? Indeed, how does one recognize His judgment in the first instance? What really do we mean by God's judgment in reality? His judgment could mean various things; yet we can summarize them as His decision in any given situation as regards any and all things. For instance it was difficult for the apostles to understand why God would make one blind for forty years to His Glory while preserving the consistently sinful. Yet they ceased from questioning Him and

tried to live by the explanation. From another perspective, not a few believers have failed to understand why God gave His authority to the marriage between King David and Bathsheba after the King had committed adultery with the wife of his captain and ordered his death. Yet, He God gave the son of the marriage so much grace, honor and power that he not only succeeded the King but righteously executed Adonijah the eldest living son of King David who thought the throne was his by birth. I am yet to fully understand why God chose me above my peers; why He has elected to make me His priest and continually forgive my sins; why He is preserving me to His Glory and all that. I am sincere, I do not understand. Yet, I rejoice in all He has done; He is doing; and will yet do in my life. This is rejoicing in His judgment. Alleluia.

PRAY you will understand the workings and the righteous judgments of the Lord God always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 1-3; Mark 16

MARCH 20TH KNOWING THAT THIS LIVING GOD IS OURS FOREVER AND EVER

READ Psalm 48:14 "For this God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide [even] until death."

There are almost limitless truths of the Lord all over the universe. Indeed, a lot of His truths are all over our planets. Let us come nearer home. There is an avalanche of God's truth all over the Scripture; yet even those of us who claim to be believers; indeed, a lot of believing saints know little or nothing about it. In Exodus for instance while giving the ordinance, the Lord decreed that if a Jew bought a male slave and the slave after having his own family of a wife and children wanted to return home at the end of the sixth year, he should go alone leaving behind his wife and children since he never came with them. Should he decide to stay with them because of his love for them, then he should have his ear engraved and permanently be his master's slave. Again in Exodus, and this time I will be specific; 30:14 each time a census is taken in Israel, all numbered must pay half a shekel as a ransom for their lives. All from the age 20 and above were so involved. How many of us are aware of this literally not to talk of its presentday application? Are you aware that it is in the Mosaic Law that once a woman is divorced from her husband, and is married to another, she shall never again be remarried to the former husband should she be sent packing by the new husband? How much does this affect our teaching of restitution in this age? How much of God do we know and give ourselves to knowing? To the issue of the day, the Living God of the ages, the Lord God of Jesus Christ the Nazarene has been the Lord God of all faithful Who in His Grace has been sustaining all. He would be ours not just until we die and expire here but will lead us to eternity life through the grave as scripturally declared. How much of this do you know? You are blessed as much as you know of Him. Amen.

PRAY you are most knowledgeable in His Word both written and unwritten all the time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 4-6; Luke 1:1-20

MARCH 21ST BEING SAFE ON THE LAND OF THE LIVING

READ Acts of the Apostles 28:1 "AFTER WE were safe on the island, we knew and recognized that it was called Malta."

One thing is to be born and safely too. It is another thing entirely for one to make himself or herself safe in the land of the Living. Another is to place one's safety in the hands of one's Creator by coming first into His Faith and secondly living in His righteousness. Both go hand in hand and are symbiotic meaning one complements the other. You cannot assure yourself of your personal safety let alone that of your immediate dependants in this worrisome and seriously dangerous life we are now living. Yet, we all have responsibilities for our lives. There is no denying this truth as self preservation is the first rule of survival. Yet, we are not equipped to ensure our ultimate safety. Not in this age of stray bullets, missing planes, downed aircrafts, and other familiar dangers not to talk of the natural disasters we are surrounded with. Nevertheless, we can be absolutely made safe in the comfort of the arms of the Creator Who alone determines what is and what is not. Remember He spoke in Christ that no strand of the hair on our head can come to the ground without His knowing and purposing it. King Ahab in 1Kings was warned by the Lord through prophet Micaiah the coast was not clear for the war he was waging. Yet, he disguised and went to the war while making King Jehoshaphat the righteous to lead the war. Jehoshaphat was to be mistakenly killed. Yet he was spared because the Lord was his shield. King Ahab was killed by a stray arrow aimed at no one but certainly directed by the Almighty. So how safe are you here on earth? Perhaps more importantly, how safe would you be in eternity? The choice is yours as much as it is mine. You are blessed. Amen.

PRAY you are safe in the safety of the Living Lord Who gives and takes Life as He wills

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua7-9; Luke 1:21-38

MARCH 22ND NATURALLY SHOWING UNUSUAL AND REMAKABLE KINDNESS

READ Acts of the Apostles 28:2 "And the natives showed us unusual and remarkable kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed and received us all, since it had begun to rain and was cold."

It is part of being human to be humane. That is the way the Lord God Who created the entire universe fashions it. It is that you and I must be well disposed to all others knowing that we are all of the same species and we all descend from the same source in the ultimate. But since the fall of man in Eden, we have all sinned and have all fallen short of His Glory. Part of this fallen short is noticed in our evil disposition naturally. That which was ordained has now been turned otherwise through sin and sinning. The natural man is no longer natural but is now sinful and sin oriented. Thus, his natural instinct is now to hurt himself as well as others whether wittingly or unwittingly. As a result, nature is no longer a measure of godliness as opposed to what it was before the fall. So how do we get out of this self destruction if we may so classify it? The only way out is living in Christ Jesus and being infused continually with His Holy Spirit such that we can and we will know and act that which is not only good but which is righteously so determined. You are the master of yourself in this regards. How do I mean? By this is meant you

have the choice of living naturally even after coming into His Faith or living Spiritual as He would lead and direct you daily and regularly. Worse still, you can choose to live entirely outside of His Faith. Whichever you choose, you will be made to face the consequences at the fullest and fullness of time such that God would be justified in His treatment of you on the day of Christ. But need you be a waste after He has created you in His own Personal image? Need I be a disappointment of His in my self will? The answer is certainly no. But beyond this, we all have to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. [Philippians 2:12]. You are most blessed.

PRAY you will know the right of living in Christ Jesus now and not lately

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 10-12; Luke 1: 39-56

MARCH 23RD SHAKING OFF THE SMALL CREATURE FROM YOUR LIFE AND SUFFERING NO EVIL

READ Acts of the Apostles 28:5 "Then [Paul] shook off the small creature into the fire and suffered no evil effects."

As powerful as people want to believe Satan is, it is interesting to note that just an angel of God will bind him up at the end of this age following the tribulation and consigned him to the bottomless pit for a thousand year. You can then see that Satan after all is but a small fellow defeated in Christ Jesus even before the foundations of the earth if and only if one is but a true follower of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. Accordingly, I am persuaded and long ago really that what is gargantuan is only in God Almighty and the power of His Strength. All others that are created are but infinitesimal. As a result, I should fear no evil without necessarily being presumptuous. I am bold in the Lord; yet, I would only Faith in Him and be led in Him. Whatever I am passing through; whatever confrontation I may be facing presently; whatever the persecution, be it financial, matrimonial, professional, or occupational; whatever social straights in which I would find myself, they are all but a piece of tiny speck in the overwhelming and superimposing power of the Lord God Almighty. Therefore I would wait on the Lord God and I would be led by Him and surely in Christ Jesus, I have already overcome in His Might. What about you! Amen, alleluia.

PRAY you are fully entrenched in the powerful hands of the Almighty God of the heavens always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 13-15; Luke 1:57-80

MARCH 24TH BEING GUEST AND BEING WELCOMED BY YOUR PUBLIUS

READ Acts of the Apostles 28:7 "In the vicinity of that place there were estates belonging to the head man of the island, named Publius, who accepted and welcomed and entertained us with heavy hospitality for three days."

The need to welcome and entertain the stranger enormously is stressed beyond any doubt all over the Scripture the common one being the entertainment of angels of God of whom Christ Jesus in His preincarnate form was one by Abraham. Later God was to enjoin Israel to be this

good to strangers for having experienced same for about four hundred and thirty years in Egypt. The interesting thing is that most of these commandments of the Living God which a good many believers take for granted are wholly embraced by those we regard as outside of the commonwealth of Christ for not overtly confessing faith in Him. If these unbelievers are this extremely good to fellow human beings and sometimes to people of the Faith when they are yet to come into the Faith, I ask you, by what spiritual power do they do this? Secondly, how do the Lord God and the whole family of the Almighty in the heavenly see this? This is food for thought for you and me particularly in our presumptuous attitude to the Faith. In the Scriptural piece for today, the apostle Paul was a beneficiary of this exemplary show of divine kindness to one who realizes the gift of God but was outside of the commonwealth of the Savior. The good thing was that he was after all saved and made a member of His body. When will you play Publius? More than this, when last did you benefit from your own Publius? Are you aware that God sends your Publius to you for a purpose? Remain blessed in Him perpetual. Amen.

PRAY you are tutored and well learned in the art of godliness before it is late

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 16-18; Luke 2:1-24

MARCH 25TH THANKING THE LORD FOR YOUR BRETHREN AND RECEIVING GODLY COURAGE

READ Acts of the Apostles 28:15 "And the [Christian] brethren there, having had news of us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and received courage."

Receiving courage is not just a thing of the spiritual as much as its motivation from outside of the individual. No doubt, internal motivation is crucial to faithing in the Lord in the stormy period. Yet, when brethren come around to encourage one in moment of trouble or torture, no doubt, one receives strength in that situation. Having said this much, it is interesting to note the distance from which this brethren came forth particularly in the period of little or no transportation as we know it today. Yet, they came around to show brotherhood to the apostle Paul who was undergoing a troublous period in his ministration and life in general. The extent of his grief is better mirrored by the extent of the courage he received simply by seeing the brethren identifying with his course for which he was to eventually die. How much encouragement have you been giving to others? More than this, how much encouragement have you given to yourself in moments of trouble and persecution? Remember that when all was talking of stoning King David while he exiled in the Philistines land and momentarily lost almost everything and persons, he was able to encourage himself in the Lord his God for which he was handsomely rewarded as he recovered all and captured more. This much we see in 1 Samuel 30:1-6. You are blessed in His Faith and faithing encouragement always.

PRAY you are blessed in the Savior now and forever more amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 19-21; Luke 2:25-52

MARCH 26TH THE TRUTH OF THE DENOUNCIATION OF CHRIST'S GOSPEL ALL OVER

READ Acts of the Apostles 28:22 "But we think if fitting and we are eager to hear from you what it is that you have in mind and believe and what your opinion is, for with regard to this sect it is known to all of us that it is everywhere denounced."

It may interest you to know that the sect being talked about in today's Scriptural piece is the same Christianity into which you and I are called and sustained today. Then it was abhorred if that will not be an understatement. Although it had fairly progressed in the power of the Holy Ghost since then, it is nevertheless little known about the world over and still been ill spoken about. The point is you and I and not angels are given the grace to come out of the darkness that is this world into the marvelous Light of His Word not only for our salvation as much as our proclamation of His Gospel. Bad enough, people are talking ill of the Gospel which is nothing but Good News. Worse you and I are not doing anything to live the Light of the Lord so as to be a shinning reflection upon all to see. This in itself would have been enough testimony of His power as all who will see this will ask the source of same. The worst is we daily continue to benefit from His Glory while yet keeping mute of His power and might over all. Come out of this dullness today. Go out in His power and proclaim the Gospel of Christ. The night is far spent and now is the time for us all to evangelize. Tomorrow is certainly too late. Wake up Brother and Sister and Now too. Amen.

PRAY you are not mute in Him but greatly outspoken

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 22-24; Luke 2:25-52

MARCH 27TH PREACHING CHRIST AND GOD'S KINGDOM WITH BOLDNESS AND QUITE OPENLY

READ Acts of the Apostles 28:31 "Preaching to them the kingdom of God and teaching them about the Lord Jesus Christ with boldness and quite openly, and without being molested or hindered."

Two things immediately stare one in the face in the scriptural piece above: these are the preaching of Christ as Lord Jesus and His coming Kingdom plus of course the boldness and courage to openly proclaim this without any iota of fear or doubt in our minds and the possible evil repercussions from the evil ones of the world and the air. Once in the Faith that is Jesus Christ the Nazarene, we should nurse no fear or doubt in form of any reservation in proclaiming His Gospel. To start with, someone must have brought the Good News to us or we must have come in to His knowledge one way outside of ourselves. If no one had spoken Christ to us in this way, there is no way we would have been saved. For this alone, we have to go and reproduce in others all that we have received in Christ Jesus. This is one fundamental purpose of our being saved. Equally important is the preservation of our own lives in the Faith. Interestingly, there is no better way of advancing our salvation other than the effective proclamation of His salvation. For except we are hypocritical, there is no way we would evangelize without being sure of our bold proclamation. Once we are sure of the certainty of the Way of the Cross, then we are

emboldened by the truth of the Word. This is the crux of today's sermon if we may tag it so. Remain blessed in His Grace, alleluia, amen.

PRAY you are courageously emboldened in His Spirit always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 1-3; Luke 4:1-30

MARCH 28TH IS THE STORY AND TRUTH OF THE CROSS SHEER ABSURDITY TO YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

READ 1 Corinthians 1:18 "For the story and message of the cross is sheer absurdity and folly to those who are perishing and on their way to perdition, but to us who are being saved it is the [manifestation of] the power of God."

Although the truth of Scripture here is partly termed story or rather a story, it is nevertheless the truth. Apart from the testimonies of eye witnesses which made what we call the Bible the Holy Book that it is today, the power of God in the lives of all who have accepted the Way of the Cross which our Lord and Savior purchased with His blood at Calvary is self convincing. I am a living testimony of the Way of the Cross. In no way substandard to any of my colleagues in the universities I attended but rather leading in the fore front; and secured in gainful employments thereafter, I have seen His manifold blessings, manifestations, and wonder working power of the Lord in my humble not less than fifty years of consciously working in and with Him and also walking the Way of Righteousness in His Grace and power. I am secured first and foremost that in this earth, I cannot be cut off before the time He has purposed for me having known a bit of Scripture to put it humbly which thus assures me. Secondly, I have been seen through a lot of persecutions and trials which without Him I am naught. What is more, He daily blesses me with His abundance in Christ Jesus. Not that I am worth anything on my own, but that I am worth all things in Christ Jesus my Lord and Savior. The preaching of the Cross to me has being a bounteous blessing comparable to none. You too will be a living testimonial of His if you so believe in the Son of God today and therein abide forever.

PRAY you come into His Faith today and therein abide forever, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 4-6; Luke 4:21-44

MARCH 29TH WE PREACH CHRIST THE MESSIAH CRUCIFIED; WHO DO YOU PREACH?

READ 1 Corinthians 1:23 "We preach Christ (the Messiah) crucified, [preaching which] to the Jews is a scandal and an offensive stumbling block [that springs a snare or trap], and to the Gentiles it is absurd and utterly unphilosophical nonsense."

It is interesting to note that preaching is not limited to religion. Anything we canvas for can easily pass for sermoning or in a general term preaching. There is a sense in which we say politicians preach their policies. Even in religion it is not to be assumed that all sermon is about Christianity let alone Christ Jesus. I was once on board a plane that was landed temporarily at

Dubai on a Friday and an Islamic sermon was preached all throughout our waiting. It was a sermon but not directly on or about Christ Jesus the Nazarene. Even when we preach Jesus or when Jesus is preached, how and what is said of and about Him? This is where the text for today comes in handy. In our doctrine of preaching Christ Jesus, what do we say of Him? As a matter of truth, what do we know of Him and how much of His knowledge do we ourselves exude? At the time of the early church, there were the Judaizers who maintained wrongly that observance of Mosaic Laws was requisite to salvation and being sustained therein. We know this is not the truth of God as salvation comes only through belief in Christ first and foremost and confession of that true belief in and with one's mouth. We come to the real issue. Knowing Christ and talking of Him rightly is good. But living Him righteously is the best. This is the Christ Jesus we admonish you to sermon and preach first in yourself and secondly to others from henceforth. Remain blessed in His Grace, amen.

PRAY you are Christ's truly and let His indwelling preach Him in you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 7-8; Luke 5:1-16

MARCH 30TH KNOWING JESUS AS THE POWER AND WISDOM OF GOD

READ 1 Corinthians 1:24 "But to those who are called, whether Jew or Greek (Gentile), Christ [is] the Power of God and the Wisdom of God."

In Christ in endowed and fulfilled all fullness of the Godhead bodily. This much we are told throughout the Scripture particularly the New Testament. It doesn't matter whether the world knows Him as such. We know and we should know any way except we are of the world itself that God achieved all He achieves to date in Jesus Christ. It is not as if God couldn't do anything without or outside of the Savior Who Himself is the Second Member of the Godhead. No. But God chose to accomplish all His creations through Him and to ensure all creations are created and sustained for the benefit and glory of the Father through the Son. Thus, in Jesus is all the Wisdom of the Godhead. He is also enabled to dispense the Power of the Godhead no matter what any may say. I am persuaded and I truly believe that without Christ Jesus no one will truly access God in His fullness nor come to accomplish His fullness in His Wisdom and Power. For you personally, how much of the Wisdom and Power of God in Christ are you exuding or better put how much of them are you allowing yourself to imbibe to later manifest in your living? Except you allow the world to know Him in you and through you both in His power and wisdom, you are not doing enough. Remain blessed in Him permanently, amen.

PRAY you are enabled in His wisdom and power that is above all else in Jesus Mighty Name

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 9-10; Luke 5:17-39

MARCH 31STLYING IN THE NAME OF THE LORD?

READ 2 Kings 4:16 "Elisha said, At this season when the time comes round, you shall embrace a son. She said, No, my lord, you man of God, do not lie to your handmaid."

I am happy and greatly value the truth that God has called me to be His prophet among others. So I experience firsthand some of the necessary problems militating against our knowing Him as well as we ought to. As I am writing to you, there are instanced when I think like the prophet Jeremiah as seen in chapter 20 of his writing that I have been deceived by God or put it mildly, God does not mean so many things He says to me. So I can very well identify with the woman here who implored the prophet Elisha not to deceive her. Her case was even better in the sense that it was the man of God that was implicitly being accused of deceit. But the truth is God never deceives anybody as there is no need for Him so to do. Deceit comes in when we want to get our way no matter the situation. God needs no one to be Who and What He is. He needs no one really. So He needs not curry our favor anyhow. So why deceiving us in any way? But taking the matter beyond this, I know that there are occasions when either due to what we have experienced in the past; or because of the delay in the fulfillment of His promises to us, or a combination of these as well as others, we have lost faith in His Faith even in our subconscious. We have gotten to the level where we think God cannot do such a thing for us even though He has the capability. Put it another way, there are instances when we think some goodness are past us. So when God now promises to do that which we have written ourselves off on, we tend to see Him as a liar naturally. But the good news is we are not natural or carnal. We are to be spiritual. He never lies. No, He never can. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you know Him enough and continue to knowing Him the more daily. Amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 11-12; Luke 6:1-26

APRIL 1ST WHEN AND WHY IT IS NECERSSARY TO CRY TO THE LORD YOUR GOD

READ 2 Kings 4:1 "NOW THE wife of a son of the prophets cried to Elisha. Your servant is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. But the creditor has come to take my two sons to be his slave."

There are issues we have to come to terms with and there is no better way of learning them now than the analysis of today's text. Coming into the Faith that is Christ is no immunity to the vicissitudes of life. Jesus Himself faced them in His natural Being and He overcame them all. From today's text, we see that the prophet in training under Elisha died. His following after God under Elisha could not save him from his God ordained course just as Jesus Himself was preserved in His God ordained course. Secondly, even when the prophet was alive, his followership of the prophet Elisha was no guarantee against penury. For whatever the case, he was indebted until his death. Thirdly, having died, God did not stop the creditor from asking for and obtaining his rightful debt. After all, God is a Righteous God Who will deny no one of his or her rightful earnings. So He allowed the creditor to do what was right only for Him to showcase His wonderful doing in being above all situations. But this is not really the issue at stake today. The truth is that the widow realized her precarious and desperate situation and did not take it lying low as she ran to and cried to the prophet under whom her husband served the Living Lord of the ages. Had she not cried to the prophet God would not have been involved in her issue and

her children would have gone into captivity. So who are you keeping in captivity by your non-crying desperately to the prophet, His prophet really? Set him or her free or rather free yourself from the captivity of Satan by refusing to agree to his imprisonment. You are most blessed.

PRAY you are in the Lord's gracious provisions by being in His knowledge always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 13-15; Luke 6:27-49

APRIL 2ND BRING ME ANOTHER VESSEL-THE WIDOW EXAMPLE

READ 2 Kings 4:6 "When the vessels were all full, she said to her son, Bring me another vessel. And he said to her, There is not one left. Then the oil stopped multiplying."

Further to our discussions of yesterday; I want to commend the widow of the son of the prophet as he was called for her extraordinary courage the same that gave her a place in the Holy Scripture for it is not a mean thing for one's name to be in the Book of life howbeit for good. First and foremost, she knew her husband very well hence she testified of him that he was obedient fearing the Lord God. Secondly, she knew him also to be an ardent follower of the prophet. Lastly for now, she knew where to go to champion her course. Many followers of Christ know not this much not to talk of a woman in Scripture for that matter. Generally, women didn't cut a nitch for themselves in Scripture but not this widow of the son of the prophet. Perhaps what endears her to me today in His Grace was her unfailing Faith in the Lord as well as in His prophet. For once she was commanded to act, she never stopped until she had obtained from the Lord all that was needed and all that was prepared for her. In other words, she appropriated all that God purposed for her at that particular point. Not many faithful fare this well. Hence she never stopped working out the multiplication of the Lord until the Lord Himself stopped working. How do I mean? She went about borrowing vessels until she had no more to borrow. So, the miracle of the Lord was not hindered in any way until it was over. For this I look forward to be her like and surpass her in no small measure in His Grace. Hence, God will always bring me another vessel to surpass her faith in God. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will know your God this much as well as your spouse and all needful

HIS BLOOD HIS FLRSH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 16-18; Luke 7:1-30

APRIL 3RD WHEN LAST DO YOU COME AND INFORM THE MAN OF GOD?

READ 2 Kings 4:7 "Then she came and told the man of God. He said, Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your sons live on the rest."

Once again I thank the Lord for making me His prophet and this I say with all sense of diligence and humility. I am not done yet with this astonishingly wonderful faithful in the widow of the son of the prophet. Many a faithful are half obedient especially when they have received their initial miracle, but again not this woman of God as I would call her. God knows why He killed the husband. I may not know. Indeed, I know not. But one thing I know is that through the death of

the husband and the predicament of the wife, we see the qualities inherent in this woman of God. Having procured her miracle from God through the man of God, she was not going to let go without first letting the man of God know the result of his instructions as well as seeking his instruction as to what to do. Others will make use of their senses believing that God never gave them the sense in vain. But when there was problem, they never reverted to their sense. This woman was not to be this guilty as she rightly went back to inform the man of God who then instructed her to go sell the oil and use the proceeds to defray her debt. More than this she received from the man of God an exception to tithe from the money. As a prophet I have seen instances when God exempted me from tithing in specific cases. I have also received from the Lord permission for others not to tithe in some instances. At other times, I have been ordered to first accept the tithe offering or first fruits and immediately give back to the person as a gift from the Lord for his or her peculiar case. I must confess to you that this is the first instance I have found Scriptural provision for same. Not that I am not used to this story; but I have never been this led to its revelation. Praise the Lord God Almighty. Alleluia.
PRAY you will always be thankful; grateful; and above all faithful in all things, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 19-21; Luke 7:312-50

APRIL 4TH HEARING AND GIVING EAR TO THE GOSPEL

READ Psalm 49:1 "HEAR THIS, all you people; give ear, all you inhabitants of the world."

The essence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the proclamation of same just as the beauty of the lamp is its ability to lighten darkness wherever it is found. In the same token, the Gospel is of no use if not proclaimed by faithful to whom is given its proclamation. But why proclaim same; or why not proclaim same? For all that matters, all have sinned even without knowing same and in Adam and all have so fallen short of the Glory and Grace of God. Because all sinned in Adam unknowingly, all needs be brought to the reality and truth of sinning in Adam. More than this, all needs be informed of the unique Grace in Christ Jesus to jettison once and for all the yoke of sin the same that leads to eternal death and embrace live eternal by Faith in Him. This is the essence of the Good news. Just as there can be no successful trading and marketing in our world today without adequate advertisement, we cannot achieve any success without the proclamation of the good news and following same up with constant teaching and sermoning. Hence the need for the Psalter here to call our attention to the need to bring the entire world population to the knowledge of the good news of God. In case you are lost, the good news is that no one needs die in his or her sin again. Christ Jesus has paid the price. All I need is to key in to Him by Faith and as simple as eating and wining. Amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in the Lord God of the heavens

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ruth 1-4; Luke 8:1-25

APRIL 5TH NO RANSOM FOR LIFE OUTSIDE OF CHRIST JESUS WHO IS LORD AND GOD

READ Psalm 49:7 "None of them can by any means redeem [either himself or] his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him"

To redeem is to set free by payment of that which first incapacitates or captivates. It is the same thing as paying ransom for the freedom or liberty of one. In the case we are examining, we are talking of the life of every individual that has peopled this earth and will still people same. Since the fall in Eden through Adam and the eternal curse so to say for all to die having come out of the ground, no one has been spared this much. Not even our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the Nazarene was spared of the pains and pang of death. As a result, all must die until the expiration of death himself as well as his compatriot Hades after the millennium. Consequently there is no ransom put in place by God for any to bypass physical death as we know it now. Nevertheless, death's power over all has been shattered completely on the Cross of Christ at Calvary. Hence no one who is given to Christ in the Faith needs fear death any more. Yes! We would all still die. Even the duo of Elijah and Enoch who were translated physically into heaven and therein abide today will still come back in like manner to die. Yet, death is no longer an end but a necessary passage into eternity Life for all who will belief. This then is the message for you and I today. Accept it today. Abide therein and triumph perpetually over death and Hades like Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

PRAY you are made ready for eternal redemption in Christ Jesus

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 1-3; Luke 8:26-56

APRIL 6TH WHY SEEKING TO PERPETUATE YOURSELF IN THE EARTH THAT SOON PERISHES?

READ Psalm 49:11 "Their inward thought is that their houses will continue forever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands their own [apart from God] and after their own names."

Ignorance of the workings of God and all that it entails has led many into so many foolish and hurtful things. Worse still a good many are still treading this way of ignorance that ultimately leads to vanity. If I can't pay the ransom for my souls and by implication I am subject to expiration at the will and time of my Maker, what sense does it then make for me to seek to perpetuate myself? What sense does it make to seek to live in the minds of people left living after my demise by forcing a caveat as it were on them? If I cannot force my continued existence; if I cannot force my will on any when alive, what sense does it make to want to force same after my expiration? Even if I am able so to do, what sense will it make for my being after I am long gone? Would I even know whether it is effective or not? If I will not know what then is the essence of seeking that which will personally not benefit me? From another perspective, why not seek to perpetuate God in my life while I lived and by so doing learn from experience how God in turn will perpetuate my being after me if He so desires? How many of us know any of the Bible heroes and heroines we read of today and know so much about? How many of us lived to see Jesus perform in the physical? How many books were written by Jesus ever? How many books have since been written about Him not to talk of the millions yet to be written?

Why not just seek to glorify God daily and bring Him the deserved honor and transit into His Glory perpetual? Think in the Spirit please, His Spirit really. God bless you richly. Amen.

PRAY you are blessed in His true knowledge and His right Wisdom always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 4-6; Luke 9:1-17

APRIL 7TH KNOWING THE MAN WHO LACKS UNDERSTANDING IN WISDOM

READ Psalm 49:20 "A man who is held in honor and understands not is like the beast that perish."

All said and done, we come to the conclusion of our discussions of days past. This is that any human being who lives in this world without realizing that He is God's image made by Him for God's pleasure and leaves this earth without acknowledging and serving God is tantamount to one who lavishes his sense of honor. Consequently, a beast of whatever form and being is better than him. What differentiates a beast from man? Among many features that makes man superior and lord to the best of beast is God's consciousness. No animal no matter his level of intelligence is made to acknowledge God Almighty. It is not that they don't want to or that they wouldn't have revered Him more religiously than man and especially if we consider how they reverence their owners; but God makes them destitute of His consciousness. Making us lord and god over them therefore, it is a disaster to say the least for us not to acknowledge God Almighty and conduct our lives in line with His chosen course for us. This is what makes the beast that perishes more gracious than the man made in God's image who lives his life here unintelligently where intelligence is glorifying God Almighty. Refrain from this manmade destitution in your own interest. Amen.

PRAY your way into God's divine knowledge and intelligence

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 7-9; Luke 9:18-36

APRIL 8TH KNOWING THE MIGHTY ONE, THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY HIMSELF

READ Psalm 50:1 "THE MIGHTY One, God, the Lord, speaks and calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting."

Supremacy is the word when it comes to the almightiness of the Lord God. There is no other way to this. He is Supreme and is second to none. No. He can't ever be second to any or be inferior to any. His works testify of Him as He works wonders in creation and is still working greater wonders. Just one is mentioned in this Scriptural piece of today the same being that He calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. If He calls the earth this much, then it must be understood that He is doing the calling for the sake of mankind. For what is the earth minus the leader and lord of same who is man made in His image? The point is God is mighty and powerful as to call all creation at His own shot. He never goes weary at any time. And indeed no creature of His ever escapes His vision. He sees all. He knows all. And He determines

all even from the foundation of the heavens and the earth. Such an awesome and mighty God deserves our praise and worship. Therefore needs you and I to worship and glorify His holy and mighty name from the rising of the sun to its setting. Praise ye the Lord Mighty in holiness and fearful in praises alleluia, amen.

PRAY you experience His mightiness as many times as possible here on earth alleluia

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 10-12; Luke9:37-62

APRIL 9TH WILL GOD EAT THE FLESH OF BULLS OR DRINK THE BLOOD OF GOATS?

READ Psalm 50:13 "Shall I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?"

This is a question God posed to all faithful who are not sure of His Omnipotence. Would God eat our own food? Certainly not. Would God eat the food of the mighty where mighty refers to the angelic beings of His? No of course. Does God eat at all? I want to believe He does, otherwise it would make no meaning the saying of Christ that He would not eat or drink of the fruit of the tree referring to wine again until He does it pure in His Father's Kingdom. But what exactly does God mean in the context of the Scriptural piece? You will notice that in the preceding verse, He had declared that if He God were hungry, He would not tell us indicating partly that He does go hungry. In this context, He was only addressing our formality and lack of enough worship indices by challenging our spirituality to His righteousness in Christ Jesus and not mere religiosity. Hence all financial and social aspect of our worship as good as they are, are of no effect in the absence of true and internal worship of the Lord in reverential awe of the Almighty. It is not a condemnation or abrogation of sacrificial worship and offering. It is no doubt a call for a refocusing in our worship and service to Him Who alone is Lord and God of all. Remain blessed in His Grace alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will know Him Who is Lord of all worship and fellowshipping

HIS BLOOD HIS FLSH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 13-14; Luke 10:1-24

APRIL 10TH KNOWING THE IRRELIGIOUS WORSHIPPER

READ Psalm 50:18 "When you see a thief, you associate with him, and you have taken part with adulterers."

In short, today's scriptural piece is a condemnation of religiosity and mere formality in worship. God is not happy if you choose not to obey Him or ignore His Being in your life. As the Creator Who truly loves you, He will feel sorry for your choice even though He would respect your freewill. However, if you profess faith in Him, His Faith really and fail to meaningfully live in His righteousness through which you will be upheld in holiness, then He frowns at your hypocrisy. This is the summary of today's text. People claim to know God; claim to live in His Word and yet associate with fornicator, adulterers, thieves as well as robbers and really benefit from the unrighteous proceeds there from. How can one be holy and walk in gross ungodliness? Perhaps

you haven't yet understood the message here. The righteous King Jehoshaphat soiled his hands and almost tarnished his reputation by associating with the wicked and unrighteous King Ahab. As a matter of fact, he was associated to him by marriage. As a result, he almost lost his life prematurely. The message therefore is for you and I to demonstrate our faith by living in His righteousness. Amen.

PRAY you are what you profess in His Righteousness, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 15-16; Luke 10:25-42

APRIL 11TH GLORIFYING THE LORD GOD IN PRAISE AND THANKS OFFERING

READ Psalm 50:23 "He who brings an offering of praise and thanksgiving honors and glorifies Me; and he who orders his way aright [who prepares the way that I may show him], to him I will demonstrate the salvation of God."

I am sure not a few of my listeners reading this piece are accustomed to praise and thanksgiving. There is no way one can believe in the substitutionary sacrifice of the Mighty Savior without first appreciating and thanking Him for the sacrifice thus made on his or her behalf not to talk of the entire universe of the Lord. Thus, we know we owe Him thanks and praises and I believe we give these. Whether or not we do this often enough as required of us is another matter entirely. However, I am not sure a good many of us are aware that singing His Praises as well as thanking the Lord of the heavens constitute different offerings to Him. For the bastardization of the ritual of offerings has beclouded our vision as we all now see offering time as money giving into the tilt as money parting ventures for our gluttonous ministers. As a result, what is most important in our service to the Almighty is left unattended to. I am not aware of any greater service to the Almighty than singing His Praises and Thanking Him from the innermost part of our being all the time regardless of our changing environment. Praising and Thanking God of the heavens for His all are the best form of offerings any can give. It is when we do this that we glorify Him. Jesus our Lord and Savior was a Quintessential Epitome of this. It is only meet that we all who are His true children should be an amalgam of same. Go do this hence forth in His Grace, amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are worthy of His Praise and Thanksgiving offerings always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 17-18; Luke 11: 1-28

APRIL 12TH WHAT IT MEANS TO SIT AND SLANDER YOUR BROTHER

READ Psalm 50:20 "You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son."

Apart from the literal translation that one can make of the above, there is also the symbolic one. Thus, we can then see the piece in the broad light of the Body of Christ Jesus here on earth. It is bad enough to slander. It is worse no doubt to slander one of the members of one's family. It is not only worst but unimaginable and almost unpardonable for one to slander one of the

Household of God for whom Christ has died and for whom we both share the same cup of fellowship. Slander is a legal term for lying against another. It is simply put saying what one does know is not true. Put another way, it is saying what one knows for sure is false or refusing to be cautious in saying things about the other person for which one is not very sure. It is a deliberate running down of the person and character of the other. Where this is taking place in the fellowship of brethren, it is most disheartening in the sense that one is not only betraying brotherhood but one is betraying Christ Jesus and nailing Him again to the Cross the second or umpteenth time. Why slander the other person? What benefit does a slanderer seek to gain from so doing? There are so many really. But all is vain and uncalled for. If truly we are believers and we really trust God for our all, there is no need to run down the other in order to take that which is his. I need not kill to live, neither do I have to steal to have nor do I have to deprive another of the rightful use of his spouse for me to be happy in matrimony. Lack of godly trust is the bane of slandering. Amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you will always be led by His Excellency the Holy Spirit

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 19-21; Luke 11:29-54

APRIL 13TH THANKING MY GOD THROUGH CHRIST FOR MY ALL AND FOR YOUR ALL

READ Romans 1:8 "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because [the report of] your faith is made known to all the world and is commended everywhere."

Here is the very apostle Paul giving thanks to God not directly but through God's own accepted Way, the very Way of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Of a truth, Jesus is the very Way of reaching the Father of all in His best of Glory. All who believe in God the Father and the Almighty but who miss out of the Way of Righteousness of God the Father no doubt could and do come across to Him the Father. But the best of God they lack for only in Christ Jesus is this guaranteed. It is no surprise therefore for the likes of the very apostle Paul who know Him in His gracious revelation to channel their all to the Father through His only begotten Son and Lord of all. In the same way, it is only appropriate for one who is graced to be a member of His end-time ministry to be grateful to the Father for one's all but only through the Lord and Savior of mankind. The truth of God Almighty is that all who will be anything and all things in this world of ours must submit to the messianic role of the Son of God. Over and above this, they must accept His unique soteriological role appointed for and bequeathed upon Him by His Father. All who must be blessed in their worshipping of the Father and Lord Jesus Christ and who must be sustained therein must worship God in and through Jesus Christ; for there is no other Way given to man under the sun by which we can come to the Presence of the Father in His best Glory.

PRAY you are made ready for the Savior of mankind all days of your living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY 1 Samuel 22-24; Luke 11:29-54

APRIL 14TH YEARNING TO SEEING YOU FOR IMPARTATION

READ Romans 1:11 "For I am yearning to see you, that I may impart and share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen and establish you."

The point being made in today's scriptural piece is the need for the young in the Lord to look forward towards divine visitations in their lives through their spiritual arrowheads. It is not that they cannot be endowed outside of their spiritual arrowheads. No. That is not what I am saying. Instead, I know and I have experienced it so much as to realize that much is acclaimed and gained in working through our spiritual heads. This is the more reason why God Himself instituted the doctrine of impartation. The lower no doubt is blessed by the higher in as much as the anointing flows downward and not upwards. This feature and truth is what the very apostle Paul here highlights. He desires to visit his brethren in the Lord who were all discipled by Him. Not just to visit them alone but more than this to impart on them all some of the gifts of the Spirit already residual in him by His Grace. This is the sense in divine visitation. Remember that the prophet Elijah imparted himself upon the very prophet Elisha who was until then his apprentice. You and I will gain in like manner if we are humble enough to learn from our leaders and allow ourselves to be worked upon by the Lord through them. You are most blessed in the Lord God. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in the Lord God Almighty today and always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 25-26; Luke 12:32-59

APRIL 15TH WHAT PART ARE YOU PLAYING IN HIS GOSPEL MINISTRATION?

READ Romans 1:15 "So, for my part, I am willing and eagerly ready to preach the Gospel to you also who are in Rome."

The focus in today's ministration is your readiness or otherwise in global evangelism. Agreed, all needs not and all cannot go out of their domain in evangelizing. Yet all has a role to play if not multiple roles in global evangelism. Preaching and proclaiming Christ is not a once and for all thing. No one needs leave his vocation to preach if not called on full time ministration. But where we are and right on our jobs without going outside our normal daily chores, opportunities abound to proclaim His Gospel not to talk of the greatest testimony we can give Him in our own righteous living. Here the very apostle Paul the beloved was expressing his eagerness and commitment to ensure that those of Rome had a feel of His Gospel through his own ministry. You can; I can; and should also be so well informed as we bend over backward to do all in our God given power to proclaim His Gospel. This is the reason why we are living. This is the reason why we are called. This is the reason why we would have our reward swelled up at the time of harvesting in His eternity Life. This is why I am sent to you today in this dark world of ours. Your responsibility is to take advantage of His Grace over your life and be a blessing to all you will come across in your daily living. You can do no less for His Ministry. Amen.

PRAY you are where and what He has made of you to His Glory always

HIS BLOODS HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 27-29; Luke 13:1-22

APRIL 16TH KNOWING HIS ETERNAL POWER AND DIVINITY

READ Romans 1:20 "For ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature and attributes, that is, His eternal power and divinity, have been made intelligible and clearly discernible in and through the things that have been made (His handiwork). So [men] are without excuse [altogether without any defense or justification]."

What the Bible says here is plain though it calls for rumination and clear sight at the same time. The Bible here talks of the eternal power of God to save all who will obey the Gospel has been made known to all in clear discernible way for all to comprehend. As a result, none is excused from his stubbornness if he or she remains wayward outside of His commonwealth. How was it done and where in specific terms? That the Gospel has been preached to all even before they were born not to talk of areas of the universe where the Gospel has not been heard of even to date? We must then know what the Bible means in specific terms. For a start, the Gospel of John 1 says the Light of Christ Jesus lights all who ever comes into the world. That is enough justification as no one is born satanic. Rather all was born in and with God's consciousness. Secondly and perhaps more importantly, Psalm 19 declares in an unequivocal term that the heavens declare God's Glory as well as all of nature in its fullness. What comes out of this is that nature in its design talks of the Great Designer Who is God and Lord. Thus, by seeing and studying nature, all who want to learn are educated because there can be no design without a designer. The entire earth, and indeed the universe in its complexity talks of the unique and Glorious Designer the Same Who is God and Lord of all. Amen.

PRAY you and I come into His manifold revelation again today and always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 30-31; Luke 13:23-35

APRIL 17TH WHY GOD WILL GIVE UP ON SOME

READ Romans 1:28 "And so, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or approve of Him or consider Him worth the knowing, God gave them over to a base and condemned mind to do things not proper or decent but loathsome."

One more point to note is that God as much as He is Love Who first loves us and will do all to ensure we are in His love will never force us against our chosen path. This is the more reason why all of us will have to account for our deeds and misdeeds here at the fullness of time. The implication of what I have just posited is that should any decide to reject the Truth, His truth really, God will have no option than to leave the person or persons in their chosen unbelief. This was what happened in Egypt then when Pharaoh who chose to be antagonistic to His Maker had to pay the full price. Had he humbled himself before the powerful hands of God Almighty, he would have preserved his Kingdom as Israel left the captivity. But choosing to harden his mind, God gave up on him so that he was eventually sold into self delusion. In today's reading, we see

how God gave up on those sexual misfits and nature antagonistic who will rather upturn nature in their quest for pleasing their insatiable lusts and demands. Thus all who have and who will reject the Truth of the Godhead will have themselves to blame as they are sold over to strong delusions to believe falsity. It is noted this much in 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11. Alleluia

PRAY you will never be sold out to falsehood for your constant rejection of His Truth

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 1-2; Luke 14:1-24

APRIL 18TH BLESSING THE LORD AND HIS HOLY NAME

READ Psalm 103:1 "BLESS (AFFECTIONATELY, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

What does it mean to bless the Lord God of the heavens knowing that He is Almighty, all knowing and all seeing? Does He actually need our praises? To the last question the answer is a resounding yes. God needs our praises; there is no doubt about that. Remember we are in His image. So when our praises are sung, how do we feel? He also feels honored and good each time His Praises are sung affectionately and by the righteous. There is no time His Praises are affectionately sung and He is not pleased. But what do we mean by blessing Him? What we mean by blessing Him is quite different from what His blessing us means. When He blesses us He endows us with goodness of life as He deems fit in that particular instance. When we bless Him we acknowledge Him as God and our Maker Who in His goodness and love sends His only begotten Son to die in our stead. This is what blessing Him affectionately means. That we would always extol His praises in our lives on a daily regular basis. It is that every day, we will remember His bounteous blessings in our lives and for this as well as for many others praise His Holy name. As regards His holy name, the truth is everything about our God and Lord is holy and righteous in that they are all sinless as He alone determines what is sinful and what is not. For that alone, He is deserving of our praises. Glory is God in the highest heavens. Personally, I have dedicated the remaining of my years to His praises. He has done so much and so all for me I can never ever quantify how much to praise Him. I am sure He has done no less for you and He will still do much more for you. Alleluia.

PRAY you are in His Praises that bless Him affectionately always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 3-5; Luke 14:25-35

APRIL 19TH FORGETTING NOT ONE OF ALL HIS BENEFITS

READ Psalm 103:2 "Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul, and forget not [one of] all His benefits."

Forgetfulness I have maintained is never a feature of the divine not to talk of the Godhead Themselves. Forgetfulness whether deliberately induced or naturally brought to being is not a complement. No one gives me a reward if I forget to switch off the light and thereby accumulate

avoidable bills. In like manner, I will receive no reward or medal from the governor if I forget to recite the national anthem at the appropriate time and place. I am worse off if I forget to write my examination number on my script. All these show the negative side of forgetfulness. I am trained to forget the evil done me for my own good. But depending on the level of the evil it is almost impossible so to do except with the passage of time. For me to exude this good aspect of forgetfulness which has to be knowingly induced, I have to pray the Holy Spirit to take away from my being the remembrance of this evil done me as the Lord Himself forgets all my sinfulnesses. To therefore forget the good done to one by no less a Personality than the Godhead is the worst crime I can imagine secondary only to the blaspheming of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I am urged in my acknowledgment of His bountiful and bounteous blessings, never to leave out one whether deliberately or otherwise. Why? Remembering the good done by Their Excellencies is also remembering Their Personalities. So when last do you remember all He has done for you in Christ Jesus? You are most blessed in His Grace always. Alleluia.

PRAY you are there-where-always in His Praises all the time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 6-8; Luke 15:1-10

APRIL 20TH LISTING ALL TO REMEMBER ALL AND FORGETTING NONE

READ Psalm 103:3 "Who forgives [every one of] all your iniquities, Who heals [each one of] all your diseases."

Praise the Lord for the Psalter and His inspiration who knowing our limitations has led him to listing one after the other the various and varying areas of our benefits in His Glory. Two are here discussed and I am sure others will follow. First is His readiness; His graciousness in forgiving not just our many sins or some thereof but all of same including those we are yet to commit. Isn't He great! I am sure no one has an idea how much sin he or she piles up on a daily basis; not even after we have come into His Faith, the same that is His Grace. We simplest idea we can have of our gargantuan sin and sinning is when Jesus commanded that we should forgive our brother who sins against us for a many as 70 times 7 times in a day. This means one person against the other can generate as many as seventy times seven sins a day. So how many people do we come in contact with a day not to talk of the Lord against Whom all our sins count? Yet He forgives all. Now we come to His healing. Do you have an idea how many ills our bodies can generate and accommodate? For you to have a glimpse of these, consider how many things we are able to do effortlessly on a daily basis. These include but not limited to our sleeping, eating, dreaming, walking, laughing to mention just a few. Great is His faithfulness no doubt. Alleluia. Amen. Yet in all of these not to talk of the many unknown not to say not mentioned, He is there for us and will forever so be. No doubt, you and I have to come to terms with the reality of His blessedness in our lives and showcase our gratefulness for His all. Amen.

PRAY you are most conscious of His blessings over your all always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 9-11; Luke 15:11-32

APRIL 21ST KNOWING THE ALMIGHTY IN HIS MERCIFULNESS AND GRACIOUSNESS

READ Psalm 103:8 "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy and loving-kindness."

It is necessary for us all to be reminded of the infinite features of our indefatigable and ever loving God of the entire universe. For our present purpose, we are limited to just two-these being His ever mercifulness and graciousness. Mercy you want to be reminded in its simplest term is overlooking one's misdeed. In other words, one who is most deserving of punitive judgment is pardoned just like that. That is mercifulness and no one, I repeat no one is the Quintessence of this as our Lord and God. Apart from giving up on His Son for our sins, He continually showcases His mercifulness all days of our lives. For instance, recall the woman caught in the very act of adultery in John 8 and was adjudged guiltless by our Lord only to be admonished not to sin again. This is a show of mercy per excellence. Grace from which gracious is formed is defined in the ordinary sense as free gift meaning benefiting where one has ploughed not. You reap from where you are not even aware. For instance, I am living in His Grace and I am saved today not by what I did or even know how to do but because Christ paid the price for my sin and that of the entire world. Not only this, there are numberless areas of our lives where we witness His grace abundantly. How do we thank Him enough for this except to acknowledge that we are indebted enormously to Him? Great is Thy Faithfulness O Lord!

Pray you are aware of the enormity of His grace and mercy over your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 12-13; Luke 16

APRIL 22ND KNOWING AND QUANTIFYING THE MERCY AND LOVING-KINDNESS OF GOD

READ Psalm 103:11 "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great are His mercy and loving-kindness towards those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him."

I am not a scientist. But I can recollect that the sun is said to be millions of miles away from the earth. Yet the sun is not in the heavens where God Himself is domiciled. So how far is the earth from the heavens of God Almighty? I am afraid we may not know this much until we know exactly where God is. So why does the Psalter quantify the mercy and loving-kindness of God Almighty in such a term? The answer is not farfetched. It is the truth that His love and mercies unto us His image is limitless. In economic terms, we may say it is absolutely elastic meaning it is unlimited. And this is saying it as it is from the eyes of the sinful man. God so much loves us beyond our own imagination. And come to think of what we call love and loving; why would a mighty, awesome, and highly placed God love us? What are we to give to Him that He cannot have without us? From my own limited knowledge, I do not know what we can offer God to make Him so much bedecked us with His loving kindness. There is simply no other qualification for His attitude towards us except to classify same as genuine love that is simply one sided. I honestly, truthfully, and faithfully do not see what mankind has to offer God for Him to delight in living eternally in our own world. All I am saying is that we would never ever quantify the extent of God's love towards us neither will we ever be able to appreciate Him enough nor simply accept His love for and unto us. But this I think we should say all the time, *The Lord is good and His mercies endure forever and ever, amen.*

PRAY you are in solemn awe and reverential submission to your Maker always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 14-15; Luke 17:1-19

APRIL 23RD KNOWING WHAT THE MAKER KNOWS OF YOU

READ Psalm 103:14 "For He knows our frame, He [earnestly] remembers and imprints [on His heart] that we are dust."

Perhaps a better title would have been learning to knowing what the Maker knows of us, just may be perhaps. This is so because we would never ever know everything the Lord God Jehovah knows of us. But my intension in titling this piece thus is for us to come into realization that God Almighty really loves us. Otherwise He would not feel for us genuinely and divinely as He has done. Examining the piece of Scripture again we see that the Lord not only knows us inside out, but always knows our limitations. As if this were not enough, He reminds Himself of our limitations always in His dealings with us. Why? This is because He wants to assure Himself that He does not expect more that our nature can ever give. No one ever can give beyond his making or constituents. Thus, in His love towards the sons of men, He constantly reminds Himself that we are dust. As a result, He restrains Himself of doing us evil justifiably as all our thoughts towards Him and towards creation itself are evil. It takes a mind of intense love to accommodate your limitations let alone live with same and still appreciate you in your lowliness. Great no doubt is the Lord our God of the heavens Who alone made the heavens and the earth and Who alone is sustaining them. Alleluia to God in the highest heavens, amen.

PRAY you will at least acknowledge your inadequacies before your Maker

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 16-18; Luke 17:20-37

APRIL 24TH COMING TO TERMS WITH YOUR LAST WORDS BEFORE YOUR LAST BREATHE

READ 2 Samuel 23:1 "NOW THESE are the last words of David: David son of Jesse says, and the man who was raised on high, the anointed of God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel says,"

Although appropriately titled coming to terms with your last words before you breathe your last, this piece as here given and quoted is really not on the last words of David as much the qualification of him before and in relation to his Maker. Put another way, David so much carved a nitch for himself that there is nothing to be said of him outside of his righteous working and walking with his Lord God of the heavens. Take a look again at the text: *the man who was raised on high, the anointed of God of Jacob, and sweet psalmist of Israel says*-First and foremost; instead of telling us directly what he said last before translating into His Glorious Presence, we are told in not too much words that the King and Priest David raised the praises and honoring of the Lord God of Israel very high into the heavens. By implication, the main thing outstanding in his life was the lifting up of the name and Person of the Lord God of the heavens. It is no doubt that until then His name was down trodden largely by the unrighteous rulers of Israel major among whom was the evil King Saul. For whereas he Saul killed almost all the priests of God at Nob the city of the Priests, David preserved the priesthood and by so doing preserved the service of God Almighty. Although he was the anointed of God and he was not the first in his generation, that was only secondary to what he did with and in that anointing. Almost all his warring for the Lord God was eclipsed in the last qualification as if all he did in his life was composing sweet songs also called psalms for His Excellency. I doff my hat for the man King and Priest David. Before my last breathe therefore, what I do for the Lord in His Praise is my last word by which I shall be known. Amen.

PRAY you are living only unto His Holy Name

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY- 2 Samuel 19-20; Luke 18:1-23

APRIL 25TH RECOGNIZING THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN YOU

READ 2 Samuel 23:2 "The Spirit of the Lord spoke in and by me, and His word was upon my tongue."

In all deference to God Almighty and in utmost humility, I identify myself with the humble words of the great Psalmist, King, and Priest David to have been truthful and humble enough to acknowledge that all he was able to do for which his name stands written in the golden record of the divine is actually not his person, but the Person of the Holy Spirit. Hasn't the Bible in Philippians 2:13 noted that all we are able to accomplish for God is indeed God Himself working in and through us? To this I once again doff my hat for King and Priest David. It is one thing for the Holy Spirit to greatly use one to His Glory as is the case here. It is another matter entirely for one to give glory to God Who alone is repository of and His Glory Personified. Herein lies the secret of King and Priest David's success-acknowledging the Power of God in His life and reign the same that sees him through his course here on earth. According to this his last testimony also spoken out in the power of the Holy Spirit; for as you know he had been down for long so much as not to recognize the beauty of a young virgin that was given to keep him warm. He was almost totally oblivious of the rebellion of Adonijah as brief as it was. But ever since then and until he died he was internally strengthened spiritually to put in place all that was given to him to do lastly before seeing the Savior Whom he never was privileged to know by the name Jesus as you and I are. Hear him again-***The Spirit of the Lord spoke in and by me, and His word was upon my tongue.*** Alleluia to His Holy Glorious Name, amen.

PRAY you are Spirit filled all the time of your living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 21-22; Luke 18:24-43

APRIL 26TH HEARING AND RECOGNIZING THE LORD GOD SPEAKING IN AND THROUGH ONE

READ 2 Samuel 23:3 "The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me, When one rules over men righteously, ruling in the fear of God."

As an amplification of all that has been said in the last two days, here again we see the Prophet and King David acknowledging for the first time I would say in this his last days on earth after confessing to the Spirit of God speaking in him; that God Himself as opposed to the Second Personality of the Godhead as we know Him today spoke in him. He maintained that the Rock of Israel meaning the Power behind all the successes and punishments of Israel spoke to him. How wonderful it is to hear God Himself speak and not just the Holy Spirit of God! Do not be amazed that God Himself does talk to His own. Wasn't He talking with the Adams in Eden? Didn't He admonish Cain when he killed his brother Abel? Who spoke to Prophet Elijah in the mouth of the cave when he ran away from the queen witch Jezebel? I have experienced the three Personalities of the GODHEAD speaking to me personally and in all humility I have written this out in the book: *The Prophetic-God's Revelation -Vision* [2014]. It is a wonderful thing to hear God speak. But for today's ministration we are not concerned with the nitty gritty of the nature of His speech as much as the truth that God as mighty as He is, humbled Himself to speak in and through the lowly mankind king David as He God saw him through his course of reigning over His

own people in righteousness. Not many of all will ever reign as kings. Yet, we all have the wonderful opportunity to allow God speak in and to us such that we are a living guise of Him as long as we are here. Glory is God in His highest heavens, amen.

PRAY you will be lowly enough for God to work through and in you always. Amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel23-24; Luke 19:28-48

APRIL 27TH KNOWING THE HASTE COMING GOD

READ Psalm 70:1 "MAKE HASTE, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord!"

When we say we come into the knowledge of the haste coming God, what do we mean? Does it mean in the least God needs to hasten up as if, if He doesn't He would miss out something? Know this brethren, God is never late for anything. He orders and fashions all things. He dictates the pace for all things. He can never be hurried up even if that were possible. Hastening God up which I accept is Scriptural as we see it here has to be understood in the sense of our expression of our emotion to and for Him to quieten our challenges. He knows before we get into the challenging situation and He has already determined the end from the beginning and even before the beginning is set in place. If we understand Him enough and we allow His Spirit in us to guard and lead us even in turbulent times, we will all know that He is in us apart from being with us. Wasn't He there when the emperor Nebuchadnezzar threatened and actually put the trio in the furnace? Did they ask God to hasten up and deliver them? Didn't they accept their fate was in the hands of the Lord Who could do whatever He wished with them? Wasn't He with them in the furnace of fire and saw them through? Let's come off it. God is not moved by our emotions. Yet we have to express them for Him to actually know that we faith in Him. Faith is emotional in a way. You are most blessed. At the Sea of Reeds when Israel was almost denying Him for His none hasting, He told them to quieten and see the Glory of God. The same is said to you and I today. Be still and see God works His purpose out of your challenges. Amen

PRAY you are quietened in your faithing in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 1-2; Luke 19:28-48

APRIL 28TH TELLING GOD WHAT HE ALREADY KNOWS-ANY SENSE IN DOING THIS?

READ Psalm 70:5 "But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my Help and Deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry."

I wouldn't have used this scriptural piece if not for the truth that I have been directed to map it out for months if not years before today that I am writing it especially in the context of yesterday's message. Having mapped it out for writing, I have to wait on God for His revelation. Does it make any spiritual sense to tell God what He already knows or the end of what He Himself has determined long ago? Of what use is this unnecessary repetition? As noted yesterday, it is not that this kind of unbelief or not too great a belief doesn't have its own carnal gain. At least it satisfies our emotions. But has emotion anything or any place to play in God's decision or preordination? Wasn't Christ emotion in Gethsemane of no effect to His course ordered out for Him by His Father? Didn't He go through His course and successfully too? So what need is our expression of emotions when we are hard pressed by God predetermined

situation and challenges? I want to posit they serve no useful divine purpose. At some point in our growth, we should like father Abraham attain perfection as to part with emotional outbursts but to quietly submit to His will. The prophet and king David showed us the futility of our emotional outbursts even when tainted with spiritual coloration as all his fasting to save the life of the boy born in his adulterous relation could not preserve the boy's life. Thus, despite his piety and all what not, he had to ask for food and ate after taking his bath after a long while and worshipping the Lord in submission. His explanation being he couldn't change God's preordained purpose. Nothing changes this really. Our coming to terms with this reality will strengthen our resolve in Him and keep us still in His Faith. Amen.

PRAY you attain perfection in the Way of Faith and faithing in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 3-5; Luke 20:1-26

APRIL 29TH PUTTING CONFIDENCE IN GOD AND TAKING REFUGE IN HIM

READ Psalm 71:1 "IN YOU, O Lord do I put my trust and confidently take refuge; let me never be put to shame or confusion."

Here we are with a declaration from the Psalter again. It is a declaration of Faith in the Lord God of the heavens. This is not a kind of saying with the lips that ends as soon as it is uttered. It is a saying of the believer who trusts in and confidently asserts hope and trust in the Almighty. Hence his self profession of faith; nay, His Faith really. He declares that in God of the heavens and in nothing else; not even the starry hosts of heaven or the numerous heavenly beings that are created and made powerful by the Lord, but in the Lord God, the Creator and Sustainer of all Himself does he put his trust. How much trust do you have in the Lord you profess faith in? How much trust do I have in the Lord of the heavens Who is my Maker? On my part, I have total and absolute trust in the Lord God of the heavens. I love Him and I trust Him. As a matter of truth I trust Him more than I love Him because I don't know how to love Him enough. But I sure know how to trust Him-by simply thrusting my all upon Him for He alone cares for my all. No else can do. But He only does after all He alone created me for His own pleasure and pleasure alone. As a result of my thrusting my all on Him, I am sure He will not let me come into confusion. It is most easy to come into confusion. I am as confused as confusion itself without His leading. Glory is God in the Highest heavens, amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are made worthy and ready in His Righteous trust and trusting

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1Kings 6-7; Luke 27-47

APRIL 30TH KNOWING THE ACCOMPANIMENTS OF HIS TRUST

READ Psalm 71:5 "For you are my hope; O Lord God. You are my trust from my youth and the source of my confidence."

By accompaniments here is meant those things that go along with trusting the Lord God of the heavens. These are things without which our trust in Him is naught. We may not be aware of them in specific terms. Yet, the truth is as long as we repose trust in the Lord, these come into effect. In this scriptural piece, three features are mentioned. These are hope, trust, and confidence. We take the trusting first. Although it may appear superfluous, it is nevertheless not so to list trusting as one of the accompaniments of reposing trust in God. What this means is

that apart from paying lip service to professing trust in Him, one really and truly trusts Him. Secondly, we have hope and by implication hoping in the Lord. You may want to know that hope derives from Faith, His Faith really. Based on His Word of and in His Faith that is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, we hope in Him. This means we look forward towards the fulfillment of that which He has promised as He never fails any. It is the expectation of that which is faithfully promised. As a result, hope and hoping are expectations of His fulfillment simply. Lastly, we see the Lord in our confidence in Him, nay in His Word. Why? All His Word spoken shall never lack fulfillment. As a matter of divine truth, from the moment of their utterance, they are already fulfilled. Not even He Himself can stop His Word already spoken by Him from having fulfillment. What He does in cases as this is to utter another Word that overrides and supersedes the first but which will never annul it. These are the accompaniments of trusting in Him; His trust really. Amen.

PRAY you are made worthy of His trusting not just you trusting in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 8-9; Luke 21:1-19

MAY 1ST BESEECHING GOD TO HASTEN UP IN COMING NEAR

READ Psalm 71:12 "O God, be not far from me! O my God, make haste to help me!"

Here we have to understand the statement above as the emotional utterance of the speaker urging God not to be far away from him. But does God move far away from one? I think it is us who move ourselves away from the Lord. At times we throw ourselves away far from Him. God's position is absolute and assured. He does not move away Himself even though He is not static. Thus, if we throw ourselves away by persistently moving in opposite direction to Him; if we habitually walk where He has forbidden; if we like the uncultured and persistently stubborn child will always turn our back on Him then He will be made to be far away from us. But short of that, God is always with us. Remember He lives now in us in the Power and Might of His Holy Spirit. So why bother about His ever moving far away from us and thereby urging Him to hasten up as if He had been lost before or had been found wanting at any time by anybody. The point I am making is for us who are now living to get it right and know how and when to pray while not overlooking what to pray about. Not getting it straight is not good at all for our relationship. Put it another way, there are many misplaced prayers and requests even in the Bible that are allowed to be there for our learning. Now that we have the completion of His Scriptural revelation as never before and we have the Holy Spirit indwelling us as never before in human generation, we should know how to pray; when to pray, and why pray at all. Indeed, we must realize that the essence of prayer is never to change God but to either change the situation, our situation really, and to elevate us to the level where we understand His position. Alleluia.

PRAY you are made ready for the new spiritual journey and journeying in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 10-11; Luke 21:20-38

MAY 2ND TELLING OF HIS RIGHREOUS ACTS AND DEEDS ALL DAY LONG

READ Psalm 71:15 "My mouth shall tell of Your righteous acts and of Your deed of salvation all the day, for their number is more than I know."

In this scriptural piece one too many, we see how it is to praise and pray to the Almighty. Of a truth, as important as our lives are in our living, the real purpose of our existence is to talk His

salvation and participate fully in the soteriological program of the Messiah. This is the essence of living. In other words, all I do to advance the Word and ministry of the Word determines in the final ultimate my reward and placement in the New City at the time of appearance before the Judgment seat of the Lord Jesus Christ. My family responsibilities and the overall attitude towards my existence here are to be quantified to the extent of their usefulness in the evangelization of the entire universe within my own world. In case you are doubting my position, check what is written in Ecclesiastes 12:13. Of a truth, you and I are created by God to fit into His overall purpose for the world. Our own lives are part of the whole put in place by Him. We do not and cannot exist for ourselves. But we are living for and unto Him in the manner already determined by Him even before the creation of the heavens and the earth, knowing this and living in line with this is the issue at stake and the essence of our living. Won't you align yourself to this great movement of His in His Glory and be blessed perpetual? You are mightily blessed in His Grace alleluia, amen.

PRAY you are who He wants you to be and to His Glory now and forever more amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 12-134; Luke 22:1-20

MAY 3RD STAYING ALIVE IN THE LORD TO DECLARE HIS MIGHT TO GENERATIONS YET UNBORN

READ Psalm 71:18 "Yes, even when I am old and grey-headed, O God, forsake me not, [but keep me alive] until I have declared Your mighty strength to [this] generation, and Your might and power to all that are to come."

In my newly found spiritual enthusiasm and divine power of His might, I am greatly fascinated by this scriptural piece. For once, it tells of the kind of accepted prayer and supplication piece that will do our being a lot of good and elevate the proclamation of the Word of God. Staying alive should be for just one purpose-enhancing the salvation works of the Lord in our generation. Anything short of this is not good at all. In this wise I refuse to identify with the prayer and supplication of the righteous King Hezekiah who in asking for an elongation of his life was most unrighteous to see that only God knows the best for all and not how long one stays here really matters as much as finishing successfully and most righteously that which He has committed to our trust. Thank God we all live to see that he lived more than Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who was cut down viciously at 33 by His design and accomplished for man and His God what no one else will ever do. I have been almost disgusted with the nature of Bible prayers by faithful who are too narrow minded in making selfish prayers. In the prayer of today as seen in this scriptural piece, we see the speaker praying God to abide with him in his grey-haired days to proclaim His might to all who are to come his way. To this I say amen O Lord God and add my name to this prayer of the saint. Alleluia.

PRAY you are in the program of the Lord for His good and none else

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 14-15; Luke 22:21-46

MAY 4TH DO YOU KNOW THIS MUCH?

READ Romans 8:22 "We know that the whole creation of [irrational creatures] has been moaning together in the pains of labor until now."

How much of the work and working of the Lord do I know not to talk of you as a person? How much of God Himself have I allowed myself to know even in His Grace upon my life in Christ Jesus? Putting it bluntly, how much of the Scripture do I know? In today's scriptural piece it is asserted that *we know.* But in reality do we really and truly know what is asserted here? Are we in the know really that the whole of creation until now moans together in the pains of labor as if wanting to give birth? What could have prompted the whole of irrational creation to so moan except for the sin and sinning of the present world from the time of Adam who fell from Grace in the garden of Delight? If the entire world of irrational creatures so mourn in conjunction with us the rational, how great then is the consequence of sin that we treat with levity owing to the Grace of Jesus that has saved our world from destruction that sin engenders? So how much do we know? I am sorry that the very apostle Paul assumes so much for the faithful as he recognizes all of us as knowledgeable as he is not to day was. Nevertheless, there is much sense in his assumption for you and I if we take the time from today to faithfully study Scripture and ensure we know all that there are in the Holy Book while we still pilgrimage this world. I have always said that it would be a great disservice to the self and also to His Cross if any faithful departs this world to realize all given to him to know while here later in heaven. Indeed, it will be a great misuse of His Grace. But thank God for His Grace, we are to be saved by Faith alone not by our knowledge of Him in His Faith.

PRAY you are most knowledgeable in His Grace here on earth and now too

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 16-18; Luke 22:47-71

MAY 5TH ARE YOU AWARE OF THE CARING FUNCTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOU?

READ Romans 8:26 "So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groaning too deep for utterance."

Yes the Holy Spirit, His Spirit really and how much of His Person and Personality do I know? When last did I study Him as a separate member of the Godhead? What is His position now in salvation? Where does He come in, in post salvation and post rapture? Has He any role to play in the resurrection of the just-all just of this age? Did He play a role in the resurrection of the Savior of the world from Hades? In the New City when the Son would have handed over all things to God the Father that God may be all in all, and there would be just a throne for God Himself and the Lamb, where would be the Holy Spirit? Where was He before the Son was brought forth from the Father as seen in Proverbs 8:22ff? If He would have no separate throne of His in the resurrection of the just and post resurrection, can we infer He would be taken into the Father as He once was? What exactly did the Bible say on this? Even of what is said of Him in today's piece, how much do you understand? How does He the Holy Spirit bear us up in our weakness and goes to meet up our supplications in pleading on our behalf with unspeakable groaning and yearnings? How does He do this not to talk of why He has to do it at all? In all of these where do you and I stand? Do we appreciate Him at all not to talk of our grieving and almost frustrating Him in our daily union or dis-union with and in Him? You and I really have to come to terms with the reality of Scripture and now too. Amen.

PRAY you are made worthy of the Lamb's true knowledge and wisdom while here on earth

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 19-20; Luke 23:1-25

MAY 6TH KNOWING HIM WHO SEARCHES THE HEART AND WHO ALONE KNOWS THE MIND

READ Romans 8:27 "And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [Holy] Spirit [what His intent is], because the Spirit intercedes and pleads [before God] in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God's will"

We are into searching of His knowledge to be made wise in Him. This accounts for why a lot of our titles this season are hinged on knowing and knowing. In our discussions of yesterday, we posed a lot of questions and questioning on the Person and Personality of the Holy Spirit. We continue on same today but from a different perspective. First, we want to ask you if you are aware of He Who searches the minds and hearts of men and makes known what therein are. Remember Scripture notes that the hearts of men are deceitful and no one is able to search them out safe the Holy Spirit in His membership of the Godhead. Besides this, we are told that we who believe in Him have His mind; that is the mind of Jesus Christ. Do you know this much and precisely where these references are in Scripture? And are you also aware that the Holy Spirit, His Spirit really intercedes and pleads on our behalf before God just as the Second Personality of the Godhead also does? Are you aware that in every and all situations God has His own Sovereign will to which all intercessions and supplications have to align as nothing contrary to His will ever be given the light of the day? Are you committed to seeking out His will on any and everything yours before embarking on same? Where your will conflicts with His, are you aware that your best option is to willingly submit your will for His for you to prosper? Have you even gotten to the level where you know enough of Him as to have no will of yours? How does this play out? Questions, questions, and questions all over! Glory is God in the Highest Heavens today and always. Alleluia.

PRAY you are blessed not to have a will of your own but to will His will in you always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 21-22; Luke 23:26-56

MAY 7TH AND WE KNOW-HOW MUCH HAVE YOU KNOWN REALLY?

READ Romans 8:28 "We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose?"

Still on our question of soul searching ourselves and reexamining whether we are up to date in His Grace granted if we are still in the Faith, His Faith really; we take today's scriptural piece the same that asserts authoritatively and unequivocally that we are assured and know. But are we truly in knowledge? No doubt, we are assured of His Grace and salvation. The assurance of our salvation is guaranteed on the death, resurrection, and glorification of the Lord Jesus Christ from eternity before eternities. Coming into His Faith is the same as possessing this divine assurance. But it is another thing if we all who profess faith in Him are this knowledgeable. This then is the focus of today's ministration for indeed it is one. Do you know that God being a Partner in your labor here on the earth, all of them really, He wouldn't stand by while you labor in vain unless you are a reprobate? If you know this much and simply too, why question His taking you and I to our Golgotha as He deems fit? Why do we go to our Gethsemane more often than is required? Why do we despair and almost stay disillusioned in times of adversity? If He is truly the Most Senior Partner in our labor even when they are self inflicted, His loving and compassionate nature will not allow Him to desert us. No. He never deserts any, not even when we are wayward. This is why He stands at the door knocking and patiently waiting for you and I to come

into His knowledge. Do we know this much? Do we know as much as the apostle Paul has here asserted? It is time we come into knowledge really and truly. Amen.

PRAY you will know as much as you are given to know, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 1-3; Luke 24:1-35

MAY 8TH WHAT THEN IS TO BE SAID TO ALL THIS?

READ Romans 8:31 "What then shall we say to [all] this? If God be for us, who [can be] against us? Who can be our foe, if God is on our side?"

You can see that I am not the person concocting these various and varying questions and questioning. They are being focused now as I am being led by Their Excellencies particularly the Holy Ghost. The apostle Paul has posited to all of us this million dollar question-if God be for us as He certainly is, who can be against us? Although he left the answer unanswered, I am led to give you same here now. A lot could be against us and they may likely overcome us in our greed, impatience, and gross insubordination to His commandments. To start with Adam had all in his possession. He had God on his side as His Excellency God the Father was the One visiting the duo at the cool of the day. For just two living humans, God gave a whole river, the river of life that parted into four. The Garden of Delight was well secured and watered. He had no need of any strenuous work or working save tending the garden. He was free of attack from any predatory mammal or things like that. He was even deathless until then. Yet he was against himself in his disobedience as he yielded to the wife's pressure. He defeated God as it were. King Ahab was an unrighteous and unkind king who reigned through his proxy the wife. Yet when he was to war on his own, a war that was not ordered by the Almighty, God in His magnanimity still sent prophet Micaiah to him not to go. He had the Righteous God on his side. Yet his intransigence and direct disobedience to the command of the Lord his God killed him. He was against himself. King Saul feared no better. He had God on his side yet disobeyed Him and went after the spoil. He killed himself. You and I will fear no better if we behave likewise. Be wise today and always.

PRAY you won't be against yourself when the Lord is for you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 4-6; Luke 24:36-53

MAY 9TH WHO IS BRINGING ANY CHARGE AGAINST GOD'S ELECT, WHO REALLY?

READ Romans 8:33 "Who shall bring any charge against God's elect [when it is] God Who justifies [that is] Who puts us in right relation to Himself? Who shall come forward and accuse or impeach those whom God has chosen? Will God, Who acquits us?"

Who is God's elect or rather who are God's elects? They are the sinners saved by His Grace. Having been saved in His Grace and sustained therein, it is inconceivable that any will lay any charge against the same elect. See it this way. Christ Who is the Judge of the entire universe came to die for the elects. His labor of love was and still is to see us safely into His Kingdom. For this after dying and ascending into the heavenly places where He is seated on the Right Hand of the Lord and God, He daily intercedes on behalf of the saints for whom He paid the precious price. Not satisfied that we are this assured of making it, He has given us all His Holy Spirit to guard and guide us as He teaches us new things He didn't teach and remind us of things taught

but forgotten. Peradventure we sin He has ensured the Holy Spirit, His Spirit really convicts us of sin such that we seek forgiveness and we are forgiven just like that. It couldn't have been any simpler. To now think that the same God Who has gone this length will turn around to accuse us is simply inconceivable. If God the Highest and Greatest Being in the universe will not condemn us and will see nothing wrong in us as long as we dawn on the Garb of Jesus; His Righteousness, who in heaven or earth or beneath same can condemn us? Not even we ourselves. So rejoice brethren, we are justified by and in His Grace. Alleluia you are made worthy in the Lamb and no one except yourself can take off this shield of Faith by renouncing same. As long as you abide never minding how bad you are, you are assured of His justification. Alleluia once again.

PRAY you know the Truth of your salvation and abound in same all through

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 7-9; John 1:1-28

MAY 10TH SEPARATION FROM CHRIST'S LOVE? NO NEVER!

READ Romans 8:35 "Who shall ever separate us from Christ's love? Shall suffering and affliction and tribulation? Or calamity and distress? Or persecution or hunger or destitution or peril or sword?"

When, you want to ask, shall we get over these series of questioning and come to its end? Let me offer you an explanation. They would come to an end as soon as you attain His perfection and perfectioning. Until then we continue in our series of self appraisal. First we have to search our minds and see if one or all of the issues listed above can actually or has really taken us out of Christ Jesus our Savior. If they have not, glory be to God. Then what are we doing to ensure our growth in Christ in appropriate measure to drown all vicissitudes of Satan and his cohorts? For instance, shall suffering in whatever form separate us from the sound doctrines of Christ Jesus? Shall I because I want to escape dire consequences of suffering do that which is unseemingly and outright unrighteous? Would I compromise my faith in the Savior to successfully bid for a fat contract? Will I deny the Lord like Judas Iscariot or like Esau the fornicator because of stomach issue or what in the political jargon of Nigeria is called stomach infrastructure? Or maybe it is not suffering, but affliction. Won't I be guided by the examples of saints in Scripture who endured scorching death to remain in their conviction of Faith? Won't I like the trio of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego dare the consequences of the fire of affliction and side with God? Or like the righteous but bold Esther the Queen damned the consequences of violating the King's decree and declare *if I perish I perish?* The list is endless. But the truth is will I still remain in the Faith as I maintain my integrity like the apostle and prophet Job and refuse to deny the Lord? Only you can answer and I pray the Holy Spirit sees you through, amen.

PRAY you are sound in all His righteous doctrines not compromising any

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 10-12; John 1:29-51

MAY 11TH YES! I AM PERSUADED. WHAT ABOUT YOU?

READ Romans 8:38 "For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers,"

Talking about persuasion is talking of meaningful conviction. Here the apostle Paul personally attests that he is persuaded, meaning he is convinced that there is nothing that can separate

him from the love of Christ Jesus. All along before getting to this point, he had been talking for the believers in general believing that the experience of being a faithful is similar if not identical. But just like the priest and pastor before him named Joshua by Moses whom he succeeded, he could only talk for himself. Hence he declared that as far as he was concerned, there was nothing and I mean there is nothing today by the Grace of Jesus Christ Whom I had consciously accepted as my personal Lord and Savior for the last fifty years at least, that nothing, not even death and torture and affliction will take me away from the love, mercy, compassion, guidance and Lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ which I have personally experienced in the past not to talk of the future. But in all honesty and reality I can only talk for myself and I wish like the apostle Paul whose experience and torture in the ministry is second to none you will be able to affirm in the Name that is above all names that you will abide to the end of your journey here on earth. In all truthfulness, nothing excites; nothing elevates; nothing satisfies; and indeed, nothing assures as being saved in the arms of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are truly saved in the hands of Jesus Christ the Nazarene. Amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2Kings 13-14; John 2

MAY 12TH NOT BELIEVING OR PUTTING FAITH IN ALL SPIRIT

READ 1 John 4:1 "BELOVED, DO not put faith in every spirit, but prove (test) the spirits to discover whether they proceed from God; for many false prophets have gone forth into the world."

The message here is clear and straight forward but is not at all simple. First, we are told and addressed as beloved, meaning we share together the Body of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the Nazarene. That is where the similarity ends. Next we are admonished not to believe all spirits. This means in part there is the existence of the spirits no doubt. If there are spirits from this scriptural piece, it is inferred that not all of them emanate from God the Father. So there must be other areas or sources or at least a source apart from the Lord's where these spirits come from. My grouse wouldn't have been noticeable if that is all that is assumed and implied. My worst fear comes up when it is affirmed and asserted that many false prophets have gone into the world. I am comfortable with spirits coming into the world knowing that Satan and his cohorts were sent into the world by the arch angel Michael after their defeat in the battle of the Lord. What is of concern to me is the issue of prophets. Not just being a prophet myself, but knowing that a lot of false prophets presently abound in the world and their target not to say their domain is the Body of Christ. It is either they are physically present therein and plying their trade or they are out in another guise yet claiming to be of the Lord. Bad enough you will say. Yet, not a few people knowingly and or unknowingly patronize them. This is the source of my concern. But are you equally concerned? Are your minds made up to have nothing short of Christ or nothing at all? Know for sure that these false prophets remain in business because people like you care not about the source of their power but you just want instant deliverance in whatever name and by whatever power. This must cease today. Amen.

PRAY you have divine discerning Spirit of the Lord

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 15-16; John 3:1-18

MAY 13TH EVEN SPIRITS ARE COMMANDED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT JESUS IS THE LORD

READ 1 John 4:3 "And every spirit which does not acknowledge and confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh [but would annul, destroy, sever, disunite Him] is not of God [does not proceed from Him]. This [nonconfession] is the [spirit] of the antichrist, [of] which you heard that it was coming, and now it is already in the world."

You will note that every tongue and mouth wherever they may be is commanded to confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of the Father Who has sent Him into the world. As a result, any and every spirit that will not submit willingly to the Name of Jesus but will be forced into submission cannot be the spirit of Truth. They do not by implication proceed from the Father Who is the Author and Finisher of all righteous doings both here and there. It is no surprise that these false spirits in these false prophets easily beguile the unknowing because having been with the Lord God before their rebellion, they are used to the system to a great extent. And although there has been great modifications ever since, they still could access a few points here and there particularly the ability to fake the original. These they explore to a great extent as they go about pretending to be who they are not. The panacea to their challenge for it is indeed a challenge is for every true believer to be scripture literate and scripture tailored and guided. Anything short of this is open to abuse. If you are literate in the scripture and your concern is to serve the living God in whatever capacity He has determined, it will be difficult if not outright impossible to fall prey to the antics of these false prophets in our midst. But where one is concerned with food for the belly and belly for the food alone, one will be easy prey. Jesus is Lord and all who will deny this in whatever form cannot at the same time be His. Amen.

PRAY you will allow yourself to know the Truth which will always set you free

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 17-18; John 3:19-36

MAY 14TH RECOGNIZING THE CHILDREN OF GOD AND LISTENING TO THEM

READ 1 John 4:6 "We are [children] of God. Whoever is learning to know God [progressively to perceive, recognize, and understand God by observation and experience, and to get an ever-clearer knowledge of Him] listens to us; and he who is not of God does not listen or pay attention to us. By this we know (recognize) the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error."

Here the very apostle John declares emphatically he and others after him who believe in the Savior are the children of God. Not only this, but they are His oracles committed to teaching Him and His Word. As a result, all who are committed to knowing Him the more have no choice but to learn from them by listening to the precepts and doctrines He has committed to them. Any and all who will humbly listen and obey and not argue in dissention, are true followers of His. In other words, any and all who will accept them for who they are show themselves as followers of the Truth. Where any and all will argue and cause disaffection among the brethren or will outright form their own group outside of the chosen are not of the LORD GOD Almighty. In this know we the children of Truth as they embrace the Truth of His Spirit. The ones on the other side of the divide show themselves as followers of falsehood as they embrace the spirit of error. Do you see yourself in either of this? Every little thing, you must leave your place of worship for another. Once the pastor does not take your advice or will not allow you to cleverly manipulate him and his calling, it is time for you to move on with your work as you claim you are called to set up your own ministry. How many of us are being led by the spirit of error? Perhaps a more cogent question is how many are aware that they are so being led. The Lord is blessed in the Spirit of Truth and not in error spirit. Amen.

PRAY you are not following after the spirit of error but you are in the Truth truly

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 19-21; John 4:1-30

MAY 15TH BEING HAPPY IN CASTING YOUR SEED UPON THE WATERS

READ Isaiah 32:20 "Happy and fortunate are you who cast your seed upon all waters [when the river overflows its banks; for the seed will sink into the mud and when the waters subside, the plant will spring up; you will find it after many days and reap an abundant harvest], you who safely send forth the ox and the donkey [to range freely]."

This is not the first time the Bible is employing this symbolism of casting one's bread upon the waters to be retrieved in multiple fold thereafter. The sense in employing this symbolism of casting one's bread upon the waters especially when one considers the perishable nature of the bread in waters is to be seen in Faith and faithing in the Lord. Casting one's bread upon the waters is totally trusting in the Spoken Word of God as entrenched in Scripture such that if one believes in His Word and sows in tears, one will definitely reap in joy at the fullness of time. There is no mistake at all about this. What is not known is when individual's harvesting will take place. For instance, Mordecai sew his bread in the waters of the King as he informed the Queen about a plot to assassinate the King. Through the Queen the King was informed and on investigation, it was discovered to be true. But his reward was not to come until many years thereafter when he was saved from imminent death and had his position highly elevated. In the case of the widow of Zarephaht, it was an instant reward as the jar of oil was never spent and the flower pot was never empty. Yet the widow took a risk or what some would call a leap of faith into the known world of the divine. The issue here as analyzed is that for any who would believe and cast his bread of faith upon the waters following an overflow of the water rivers, the receding of the waters thereafter will ensure that the seeds sown earlier sprout up and yield plentifully at the fullness of time. How much of this are you and I given to doing in knowledge? Remain blessed in the Lord God Almighty, alleluia.

PRAY you will have the eyes of you understanding opened to the wonders of the Lord amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 22-23; John 4:31-54

MAY 16TH ROYAL SUPPLICATIONS TO THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 72:1 "GIVE THE king [knowledge of] Your [way of] judging, O God, and [the spirit of] Your righteousness to the king's son [to control all his actions]."

The King at the time of the writing of Scripture was symbolic of divine authority on earth. He was the earthly representative of the divine. As a result, there was the need for him to rule just as God would have done were He to have been around physically. From this perspective we would understand the contents of this Psalm. It was a rightful cry unto the Lord for wisdom and knowledge. Put another way, the kings of those periods would easily go for our Presidents today or where need be the Head of State or Prime Minister. There is another symbolism in Scripture however which affects us all who are living in this endtime. This is the symbolism of us all being kings and priests for the Lord God of the heavens to Whom we are responsible as His earthly representatives. You know very well or should know that we would reign as kings and priests in the New World after the resurrection of the just of all the ages from our abode in the New City. As a result, we need to ask and receive of the Lord divine wisdom and knowledge to be able to

live our lives here in total conformity to His Words and doctrines by which unbelievers will see the Glory of our risen Lord and God in us and would turn from their evil ways and take to the righteous path of the Savior. But mere asking for wisdom, His wisdom will profit us nothing as there would be no positive response from Him. For there to be positive response from Their Excellencies, we must strive to find out diligently what is it to reign just here on earth and what is it to conduct one's life in line with His Word. This then is today's message. You are blessed, amen.

PRAY you are most judicious in your use of your God given wisdom and knowledge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 24-25; John 5:1-24

MAY 17TH KNOWING THAT THE NAME OF THE LORD IS ETERNAL

READ Psalm 72:17 "His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun [indeed, His name continues before the sun]. And men shall be blessed and bless themselves by Him; all nations shall call Him blessed!"

If you are an ardent student of Scripture, you would have known that what is said here really belongs to the Millennium and post millennial era the same that will lead to the new earth where mankind will for the first time accomplish all that he is given by his Maker Who is the Lord most High. Until then, not all nations of the earth will ever bless the name of the Lord; not even in the present evil time when almost all developed nations are openly embracing lesbianism and all other sexual perversions which are overtly condemned in Scripture. But a time will soon come when the Kingdom of the world and indeed the universe itself will be given to our Lord and God. At this time, all who have lived in Christ and died will be angelic after they have taken on the new form and would be assigned roles as become appropriate to their works here in this body. There would be natural human beings who would live through the rapture as well as survive the tribulations and who will people the earth in the millennium. These would live deathless and naturally in the new world. From all over the earth, these would periodically throng Jerusalem the site of the New City where God and the Saints would domicile and will bring gifts and offerings to the Lord. The translated saints would have by then been made eternal. The sun will continue to shine in the new earth although it would not impact the New City where the Glory of the Lord would be more than enough illumination in its Glory. How much of these do you know or are you given to know? Know your rights in the Lord God from here until eternity, amen.

PRAY you will not be too lazy to search out appropriately the Scripture as becomes appropriate

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 1-3; John 5:25-47

MAY 18TH THE LORD BE BLESSED FOREVER AND EVER AMEN

READ Psalm 72:18 "Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who alone does wondrous things!"

To be blessed in this context is not the same as what it means in the context of man being the recipient from the Lord God Almighty. As earlier noted in this devotional, what it means here is that praise and honor be continually and continuously showered on the Lord for He is ever good, and for His mercies endure forever and ever. The new doctrine we shall be exploring here

is the doctrine of He alone doing wondrous works. It is necessary to know that all works in their originality whether wondrous or not are done by His Excellency God the Father through the Son Who was and Who still is the Architect of His creations. Having done these, He enacts the natural laws that govern our world. One is the law of gravity that draws all to itself by which we remain stable on earth. Those who have journeyed into space know what it is to be out of earth's gravitational pull as they float as it is literally in the atmosphere. When we say a work is wondrous, we are asserting its miraculous as it defies all natural laws and heed the divine command. God and only the Lord God Almighty is given the command of all laws be they divine or otherwise. He in turn arms His representatives to so exercise this privilege on His behalf. The more reason why we give all praises to Him for who and what He has chosen to come to be in His Being. As a result, He only does wondrous things whether Personally or through His elects. To Him be Glory and Honor now and forever more alleluia.

PRAY you are endowed in His knowledge for which the Scripture is there for all

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 4-6; John 6:1-21

MAY 19TH GOD IS GOOD TO ALL WHO SEEKS HIS FAVOR

RESD Psalm 73:1 "TRULY GOD is [only] good to Israel, even to those who are upright and pure in earth."

To say God is good is to confirm His justice. It is affirming that He is just. Goodness can mean therefore punishing the evil person as He deems fit. It does not in any way connote the absence of punishment or chastisement. No doubt God is good as He cannot be otherwise. Depending on the side of the divide in which you are or the perspective from which you are operating, you may want to dispute this assertion that God Almighty is good always. Again how much knowledge of the Almighty you have allowed yourself to take into your being will no doubt affect your perspective. Thus when God is punishing you in your own interest; when He is protecting you against your own self; when in His own righteous judgment you deserve to be denied one thing or the other, He is more than good in the ultimate even if from your own perspective as at then, He is far from good. I have been in this world for over six decades, and I have come into the conscious knowledge of the Almighty for about fifty of these years. I can and am saying emphatically that each time I think God has not been fair to me in one instance or the other; it turns out for me to thank Him enormously for His position after all. There was a time I was sent some money by one of my sons in the UK. My intention was to use same to kit my children and wife for the Christmas as usual. But I could not lay hands on the money until my mother died in the first week of the New Year. The money was then most useful for her funeral. Had I taken possession of the money earlier on, I would have been exposed to hardship unnecessarily. This, God prevented by making sure I got the money when the need for same was greatest. God is good to His creatures always

PRAY you are the one waiting on God and not God waiting for you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 7-9; John 6:22-44

MAY 20TH IS THRE KNOWLEDGE IN THE MOST HIGH-A KIND OF STUPID QUESTIONING OF GOD

READ Psalm 73:11 "And they say, How does God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?"

The kind of two questions above is nothing but stupid and foolish questioning of the Almighty indirectly. Ordinarily, it would have been tolerable if they are consigned to the unbelievers. But it is disheartening to see that faithful or rather professed faithful who are endowed with the mind of Christ do pose such silly questions. If there is God at all, it is to be understood that He is the Creator. If He alone created the universe and has been sustaining it therein, how come anybody asks if He has knowledge? If He had none, how did He create in the first instance? If He is that weak as they want to portray Him, how has He been able to sustain all to date and ensure all is well as He has fashioned? If He is known as the Most High literally meaning the Highest in everything, how come the question if He has any knowledge? Let's come out straight, if He is the Most High, then He is the Most High in knowledge as well not just in some things. The point is man in his utter disregard of his limitation sees himself as the end of all not even of himself. So ask him, who made him and why is he dying? Why hasn't he understood enough of himself to date? Why are some sicknesses classified as incurable if man is the end of all and why fall sick at all? The truth is man is not the end of himself. Yes! He is endowed with dominion by He Who created him. Yet, he is grossly limited. Even in the Faith of Christ into which we are admitted, we are grossly limited. All must accept this limitation. God is Knowledge and Wisdom Who all must crave. Alleluia.

PRAY you are able in the Lord God Almighty

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 10-12; John 6:45-71

MAY 21ST ASKING THE SELF THE GREATEST QUESTION

READ Psalm 73:25 "Whom have I in heaven but You? And I have no delight or desire on earth besides You."

In today's Scriptural piece is the self motivated and inward soul searching question-Who have I in heaven but you. Besides the truth that there are a lot of heavenly hosts apart from the Trinity, the fact remains that one may have any other apart from the Trinity by choice really. So the question is most appropriate for every believer. The unbeliever has no need of this self examining question as he knows where he or she sands. To the believer who needs periodic self examination as decreed in Scripture for instance in 2 Corinthians 13:5 the same which reads thus: "*Examine and test and evaluate your own selves to see whether you are holding to your faith and showing the proper fruits of it. Test and prove yourselves [not Christ]. Do you not yourselves realize and know [thoroughly by an ever-increasing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you-unless you are [counterfeits] disapproved on trial and rejected?"* Thus we establish the need for believers either in trials or not to constantly check on themselves if they have any other person apart from the Living God of the heavens upon whom lies their faith. As for me I have no other person on earth or in the heavenly part from God the Father and if God the Father then Jesus Christ His Son and the Holy Spirit, His Spirit really by Whom we are sealed until the final day of redemption. Yes final day as the redemption we presently enjoy is only positional. It will be made absolute or made ultimate if we abide in Him till the end of our sojourn here on earth. So once again on whose shoulder are you leaning your all-God or other things less than Him?

PRAY you know for sure you are in the Lord truly and always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLSEH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 13-15; John 7:1-27

MAY 22ND KNOWING THAT ALL FAR FROM GOD WILL PERISH

READ Psalm 73:27 "For behold, those who are far from You shall perish; You will destroy all who are false to You and like [spiritual harlots] depart from You."

What do we mean by being far from God? Certainly this has nothing to do with physical distance as the Lord God is far from the earth beyond our own estimation. So what does being far from Him indicate? To be far from God in this context is to be without God. It is being a non faithful. Everyone who is unbelieving is far from God. Being churched or mere religiosity is not being near to God. Yet we all can be nearer to Him. To be near to God or better still nearer to Him is to believe in Him by believing in the finished works of salvation done by Jesus the Nazarene Who gave His life a ransom for our sins. Believing in Him and adequately following His footsteps as we live by and His Faith is coming near to God and this is most elastic meaning there is no end to our being near to the Savior. Of course, there are degrees of closeness to God just as Faith itself exists in degrees. As a result, one who reads the Bible meaningfully daily and prays in the Holy Spirit to come into divine understanding and to lead a faithful life is on the way to being near to God. To be far away from Him meaning to be unbelieving and to get to the level of being hardened in this is to be destroyed eventually by the same Word that is neglected. Remain blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you will never be away from God let alone far away, no, never

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 16-18; John 7:28-53

MAY 23RD CONTINUING TO HOLDING ON TO SOUND DOCTRINES

READ 2 Timothy 3:14 "But as for you, continue to hold to the things that you have learned and of which you are convinced, knowing from whom you learned [them]."

Sound doctrines are genuine teaching of the Holy Way the same which is the Way of salvation. It is one thing to be saved and truly too. It is another thing to be in the Way of righteousness rightly and righteously. How and where one is saved and by who to a large extent all contribute to the kind of doctrine one is exposed to. But all these are just for the beginning. One who is genuinely concerned about being righteous on the Way of Righteousness needs no one to point him to the right teachings. No. Not in this world of internet where opportunities particularly righteous ones are there inundating one in the face. If one is not lazy and one is committed to finding the Truth, one would seek same and no doubt one would soon find same. Having found the Truth one can then journey at the pace the Holy Spirit has fashioned for one diligently. This is the purview of today's teaching. We all need to search out Scripture for the true doctrines of Christ not that imposed on us by the church for whatever reason. I must confess that there are lots of doctrines in our churches that are not of Christ. Harvesting as we have it now is not in consonance with Scripture. Another is the granting of divorce in marriages for purposes other than proven adultery in which the offending party is unrepentant. Where he or she truly repents, the Bible provides for forgiveness. There are yet others too numerous to list here. It is your duty to seek and find the Truth and having found same to hold on tenaciously to same. You are blessed in Him perpetual, amen.

PRAY you are diligent enough to seek and hold on to the Truth after finding same

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 19-21; John 8:1-27

MAY 24TH KNOWING THE SCRIPTURE FROM THE PRIVILEGED YOUTH? HOW BLESSED YOU ARE!

READ 2 Timothy 3:15 "And how from your childhood you have had a knowledge of and been acquainted with the sacred Writings, which are able to instruct you and give you the understanding for salvation which comes through faith in Christ Jesus [through the leaning of the entire human personality on God in Christ Jesus in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness]."

Here we see the very apostle Paul attesting to and acknowledging the blessed youthfulness of his indefatigable son in the Lord Timothy and by implication testifying to the truth of his advancement in the Word to his early and youthful exposure to Scripture. Of course it is one thing to be truly exposed to goodness particularly that of the Scripture. It is another thing entirely for one to accept this wonderful opportunity not easily come by. The young Timothy then made the best use of his God ordained opportunity and came off wonderfully blessed. Some truths need be expounded in the Scriptural piece of today. One is the truth that Scriptural exposition and imbibementation is sacrosanct in a way and remains the only way by which adherents can first come into understanding the same that enables righteous living in Christ Jesus. Such a timely exposure no doubt enables one to witness at firsthand the powers and goodness of the Lord God Almighty in a manner not too common. This is the purview of today's Scriptural piece. A good many of us also share in this unrivaled privilege of being early exposed to Scripture largely because of our parental background. If we are this wonderfully blessed, then a lot is expected of us since we have no excuse not living in accordance to His Word. This is my challenge to us all who are this blessed in the Lord. Remain in His wonderful blessings. Amen.

PRAY you make the best of all wonderful opportunities of His

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicle 22-24; John 8:28-59

MAY 25TH ACKNOWLEDGING THAT ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED

READ 2 Timothy 3:16 "Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action)."

By Scripture is meant the Word of God Himself for us mankind by which we should order our lives in the land of the Living. Instead of daily running to God Almighty at a particular place and queuing up for His attention, in His Wisdom He has written down through His human oracles His manual for righteous living. In this the Word of God is sacrosanct meaning they are Gospel Truth that must be adhered to by all who want to see the blessings of God righteously in this land of the living. As being divine, they are profitable when applied regardless of what the circumstance dictate otherwise for instruction. What do we mean by instruction? This refers to commandments; decrees; and His orders where our opinions as infants of His Words are not required. They are also profitable for reproof the same that is warning and admonitions after we must have done that which is unseemingly. Next God's inspirational Words that are profitable for conviction of sin and correction of error and discipline in obedience. In other words, the Word of God assists us in knowing what is right and that which is wrong and by so doing we are brought into the correct path of righteousness always. We also have it as the Light in areas of training in righteous doings all the time. Without His Word we are not able to tread the path of righteousness as we ought. This is the focus of today's ministration. We conclude that because

the Word of God as Inscriptured is God-breathed meaning He directly dictated them to His oracles then for our use, they are to be taken as written. Amen.

PRAY you are made knowledgeable in His Word always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 25-27; John 9:1-23

MAY 26TH WHEN THE LORD PASSES BY YOU

RESD 1 Kings 19:11 "And He said, Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord. And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains and broke in piece the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake."

Scripture is truth and cannot ever be otherwise. So when today's scriptural piece asserts that the Lord God passes by, it must be understood that the Almighty God of the heavens came down and passed by the prophet Elijah. There had been many cases of His Theophanies in the Old Testament meaning the revelation of God in His preincarnation form in Bethlehem. You will recall that in Eden God Almighty was regularly visiting at the cool of the day. He appeared and stayed behind for the young Samuel to recognize Him in 1 Samuel. There are other instances. The point is when the Lord comes passing by, what significance does this portray as He never moves out of His heavenly throne without genuine righteous purpose. In this very instance, it was to convict the prophet Elijah of his acting solo and to reassure him of His ever Present Help in all times of trouble of the faithful. It will be recalled that not only was Jezebel not able to lay hands on him, but even death and Hades till today reverent the very prophet Elijah. The significance of all we have said is that God will do all that is necessary to uphold you including His appearing to you even today in His vision and revelation if need be. God is faithful and must be believed as we worship Him never minding what vicissitudes of life we are facing. Amen.

PRAY you are made ready always when the Lord passes by

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicle 28-29; John 9:24-41

MAY 27TH WHAT IT IS LIKE HEARING THE VOICE OF THE ALMIGHTY

READ 1 Kings 19:13 "When Elijah heard the voice, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Contrary to what many theologians based in the America and Europe profess, God still speaks audibly to people today just as He had been doing. Remember God is the same today, tomorrow and yesterday. Why should any think God has ceased to speaking to His faithful today as He used to? What is special in His speaking to us as He did then or what does the Lord God achieve by ceasing to speaking to us? I am a living proof of God still talking to man today. I am a prophet of His. This does not necessarily qualify me for hearing Him as there are prophets who are only blessed with interpreting dreams of His and they are no less prophetic than any other prophet of His. The truth is God still speaks to us in various ways more than He used to yet without disregarding the ancient way of doing it. His voice is like that of thunderous rumbling like the voice of many waters running together at the same time and all seeking expression together. It is loud and deafening and if not for His Grace one would not come out of same hearing again for

life. This is His usual mode. Occasionally too as He will determine, He speaks gently and almost inaudibly yet most audible. There is no enough space here for the expression of what it is like hearing the voice of the Almighty. The truth in a precise is His voice is Mighty as He Himself is. So when we hear His voice what does that impact on us? Except we are faithful and determinedly too, we would perish like all who saw Him in the wilderness and were later consumed by Him for their unbelief. Save us from this Mighty and Holy Lord. Amen.

PRAY you seek and come into HisTruth today and always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 1-3; John 10:1-23

MAY 28TH WHAT IT MEANS FOR GOD TO SAVE

READ Psalm 54:1 "SAVE ME, O God, by Your name; judge and vindicate me by Your mighty strength and power."

This is one prayer that is righteously beautiful to utter at all times particularly when one is hard pressed. It is not a prayer of the unbelieving. No. The unbelieving has no need of God or rather sees no need of Him. In his own little parochial world, he is the end in himself. But to him who sees the Lord in his daily living; who will never ever do anything without divine clearance; who has come to know that the Almighty reigns in the kingdom of men and gives it to whosoever He pleases, God is the ultimate. Thus, in his desperation as well as in his good times, he calls on God to save him and all that are his. For indeed, we all need God's salvation not just from the throes of sin and sinning as much as from the daily evil among which we are consigned to live and reign. I love this prayer so much particularly in the context of my critique of some Bible passages of late. You are most blessed in Him forever and ever amen. So what does it mean for God to save? Just as the word indicates, for God to save is to deliver one from any untoward situation brought about by either prosperity or adversity. We are talking of deliverance from any and all situation. For most of us, we need deliverance even from our own selves. So what says you to this? You need to call on Him always to save you. Remember the Lord Jesus Christ while on the Cross called on His Father to save Him as He detested His abandoning Him as it was. You too must cultivate this habit and now too. God bless you.

PRAY you are blessed mostly in His salvation always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 4-6; John 10:24-42

MAY 29TH IN YOUR FAITHFULNESS O LORD PUT AN END TO THE ENEMIES

READ Psalm 54:5 "He will pay back evil to my enemies; in Your faithfulness [Lord] put an end to them."

Yes! It is absolutely right and righteous I mean to seek God to make an end of the enemy, indeed all the enemies of our soul; after all, Scripture has noted that the last enemy to exterminate is death itself. Another reason why this supplication is righteous is the truth that it is God that is required to do the ending. Whatever God is involved in you want to be reminded is the best thing that can ever be imagined. But first who is the enemy or rather let us be clear in our definition of who the enemy is. I choose to define the enemy as one and any who is inimical to your good as purposed by God. And just before you start to look outside, the worst enemy of yourself most of the time is you yourself. Do not be taken aback by this. Most of our desires are

antithetical to our interest from which ever point we want to view it. Consider the smoker who is addicted to same or the drunker who knows no limit in drinking alcohol. Despite the funding that may be better annexed for the good of the self, the self benefits nothing practically from smoking. This is just an illustration. Being addicted to food which makes one a glutton is another instance. Not to talk of the bad choices we make almost in every facet of our lives. This has prompted not a few people who are learned to rely on God in determining who and what is one's enemy; and without annihilating the self in the process of making an end of one's enemies, only the Lord can safely perfect this. Hence to Him we should go for our all. Amen.

PRAY you are led by His Excellency

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 7-9; John 11:1-29

MAY 30TH KNOWING THE DIFFERENT OFFERINGS OF THE LORD

READ Psalm 54:6 "With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You; I will give thanks and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good."

In our presentday churchism if I will be excused to so use the term, offering is limited to giving of money at the time designated as offering time. As a result you find churches and quite many of them with the slogan *offering time blessing time* one implication of which is that other times are not blessing time. As I use to say in my sermon to the congregation entrusted to me, every time spent with the Lord is blessing time. Even those who know not God are also witnessing His blessing times all days of their life. Theologically and ecclesiastically too, financial offering is just one of the many offerings required by God which the believer is obliged to give to the Maker. Others among the list include Praise offering, Song offering, Clap offering, Shout Offering, Peace offering, Food offering to mention just a few. As a matter of truth, divine truth really, almost all our services to God will qualify as offerings to Him if well given as become appropriate. It is in this context that today's text is relevant. The Psalter declares his readiness to give to God his freewill offering. This is a kind of offering that comes from the heart of the believer. It is voluntary and is not specified. Sacrifice also as noted here is nothing but offering and there are a lot of sacrifice offerings via burnt offering; food offering, sin offering, trespass offerings among others. Thanksgiving is perhaps the most valuable of all the offerings and this has nothing to do with monetary implication. I am talking of thanking the Lord from our hearts for our all be it in prosperity or adversity. The apostle Job gives us an example in either of this. You are blessed in His Grace, amen.

PRAY you are welcome before Him in your sacrificial offerings

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 10-12; John 11:30-57

MAY 31ST WHY GOD WILL LISTEN TO YOUR PRAYERS AND NOT HIDE HIMSELF FROM YOU

READ Psalm 55:1 "LISTEN TO my prayer, O God, and hide not Yourself from my supplication!

The important thing is not praying to God assuming every time we claim to pray we are truly praying, but knowing first what prayer is and what prayer is not. Once we come into this knowledge, it will be easy to know if God will listen to our prayer and not hide His face or not. To start with, prayer is not a means by which we arm-twist God or we lure Him to see according to our perspective. Prayer you want to know is not a means by which we get even with our enemy.

No. This is not the prayer of the Saints. Prayer does not and cannot change God. No! It never won't because it is not so designed. Prayer is communing with the Almighty in a two way affairs. You talk to Him and you listen to Him also to talk to you. Prayer is meant by God to elevate you to the level where you come into higher understanding of His way. So the only person prayer changes is you. Of course that also includes your situation. So when you pray in this manner, you are sure the Lord will listen to you and open your understanding. Prayer is no command to God whereby He must see and hearken to our voice. Then who is Lord-you or Him? Prayer despite its many facets is a humbling communion with the Lord in which one surrenders to His wish. Remember Gethsemane and the Savior before His crucifixion and remember Who won the context-God Almighty or the momentary request of the flesh of the Lord?

PRAY you will never be misled in your prayer and praying life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 13-14; John 12:1-26

JUNE 1ST ASKING GOD TO DESTROY EVIL SCHEMES AND CONFUSE THE ENEMY

READ Psalm 5:9 "Destroy [their schemes], O Lord, confuse their tongues, for I have seen violence and strife in the city."

When the evil people assemble to thwart God's purpose for the righteous, the righteous owes it a duty to seek God's intervention as fiercely as it is possible. You have to remember that King and prophet David who wrote and used many of the imprecatory psalms in the Bible was about the most righteous King of Israel to date and would probably be until the coming of the Messiah in His Glory. So it is righteous to fight the enemy with the whole armor of God at one's disposal; only that one has to be led by the Spirit, His Spirit really. It may also interest you to know that there was war in heaven, and the first war really and there would still be wars involving both the First and the Second Personalities of the Godhead at the end of this age. The point is not running away from warfare or fighting the battle that is our life. All we have to do is to ensure that in all given situation we are Holy Spirit led so as to ensure our righteousness in the Lord God. Anything short of this is no good at all. It is also in order to ask that the Lord God confuse and confound your enemies. In Genesis 11, we see God instructing the Two other Personalities of the Godhead to let them go and confound the language of mankind so as to make it impossible for them to come into meaningful understanding. Once communication is impaired one way or the other you are above your enemies. Again God used this method as seen in 2 Chronicles 20 where the trio who gathered against Judah were confounded as they each assisted in killing the other as well as the self. So it is most righteous to ask God to confound your enemies. Indeed, when last did you do this? You are blessed in Him alleluia, amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in the blessedness of the knowledge of His Word

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 15-16; John 12:27-50

JUNE 2ND WHEN A FRIEND IS THE WORST ENEMY-KNOWING WHAT TO DO

READ Psalm 55:12 "For it is not an enemy who reproaches and taunts me-then I might bear it; nor is one who has hated me who insolently vaunts himself against me-then I might hide from him."

It is not unusual for betrayal to come up in any relationship. Another name for betrayal is rebellion. Mankind betrayed the Lord God of the heavens in Eden by doing exactly what he was ordered not to do. It was a betrayal because God reposed confidence in the man before He entrusted His creation to His administration. But he reneged too early. Judas Iscariot was and is still the most popular friend who betrayed his Lord with a kiss. This issue of kissing to betray becomes the most popular symbol of betrayal of friendship. Since both God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ have been betrayed, it behooves the Christian to expect to be so betrayed by closest brothers to say the least. But this is not the issue now. The issue is how does one react to betrayal in this kind of relationship? Put another way, how does one manage betrayal and rebellion in our day to day interrelation? Examining how God the Father and the Son managed their betrayal will enlighten us as to the acceptable way of management in this case. Jesus you know only admonished Judas Iscariot for betraying the Son of Man with a kiss. Meaning he could have been more bold than employing friendliness in showing gross enmity. In the case of the Lord God Almighty, although He punished the Adams, He was nevertheless merciful to them by first suspending their death sentence and secondly providing for their new found nature in the fall. They were sent out no doubt but He never closed His eyes on them entirely and at the fullness of time, He sent Jesus to restore them. In like manner we should be blunt in sending away rebels from our closet not necessarily from our ministry in our own interest, but at the same time we show them the love of God from a distance and safe environment.

PRAY you will know all it takes to manage yourself in difficult and dangerous situation in Christ

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 17-18; John 13:1-20

JUNE 3RD CALLING UPON THE LORD FOR HIS SALVATION ALL THE TIME

READ Psalm 55:16 "As for me, I will call upon God, and the Lord will save me."

Why would any call upon the Lord? Or better put, why would any not call upon the Lord? From another perspective, why would one call upon the other? Why for instance would I beckon on anybody if not that I need the person and I not only know him but I am sure he would be of assistance to me? I may be wrong though; but what cannot be taken away from me is that I know the person and in all probability he could be of assistance to me. Any would call on the Lord if he knows Him no matter the degree of the knowledge. None would call on the Lord if he does not know Him at all. So, from our initial position, we assume and quite rightly too, that any would call on the Lord if he or she faiths in Him. In all seriousness, all will call on Him and therein persist if one's knowledge of Him is fundamental and one's faith in Him is total. Remember in the wilderness when Israel was bitten by poisonous snakes for their intransigence. Only those bitten and who believed in God and demonstrated the belief by focusing on the brazen snake were healed. All who chose not to believe died of the poison from the venomous snake. By the same token I will call on the Lord for deliverance because I have come to know that He alone is God and I repose confidence in Him. Where I do not know Him or my knowledge of Him is shallow to say the least, then I am not likely to even consider calling on Him. Remember that any and all who will call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved for in Zion shall be deliverance.

PRAY you know Him enough to always call on His Name

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 19-20; John 13:31-38

JUNE 4TH BETRAYING THE TRUST OF THE TRUSTED

READ Psalm 55:20 "[My companion] has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him; he has broken and profaned his agreement [of friendship and loyalty]"

Still on our discussion of betrayal without overtly specifying same, we note that disloyalty and/ or betrayal is hinged on nullifying trust. It is the same thing as violating the agreement, nay contract already agreed to with another without prior notification. Betrayal takes its worst woe upon reneging on previous agreement and trust without intimating the other party. In other words, its venom is most noticeable in the fact that while the other considers him trustworthy or friendly based on previous knowledge and agreement based on experiences previously shared, the betrayer has long moved away from the level of trustfulness and faithfulness to that of faithlessness and distrust. As a result, when it dawns on the other party that he has been betrayed, it is always disheartening and in most cases too late to right the wrong of faithlessness. Nevertheless, while I may have no power to stop you from betraying me or playing the rebel who is ever unfaithful, I reserve the right to refuse to be overwhelmed by the betrayal. David moved along with his life after the betrayal of his leader and father King Saul just as he did again when his son next in the line of succession rebelled against him. He was not overwhelmed by the distrust of his son but planned and strategized in winning the war against him. Jesus Christ our Lord did not even consider the rebellion of Judas having known and prophesied ahead the betrayal. You and I can refuse to be overwhelmed by distrust in life and be who God has ordained us to be. This then is the message today. Amen.

PRAY you are not overwhelmed by nature's constant and consistent betrayal

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 21-22; John 14

JUNE 5TH RELEASING THE WEIGHT OF YOUR BURDEN ON THE LORD GOD ALWAYS

READ Psalm 55:22 "Cast your burden on the Lord [releasing the weight of it] and He will sustain you; He will never allow the [consistently] righteous to be moved (made to slip, fall, or fail)."

How does one release the weight of his or her burden on one not known not to talk of the Lord that is and cannot be seen? It is very simple, even simpler than eating cake and sipping down a bottle of Malta drink. So how? Simply by faithing in Him totally. Yes! Burden, our burden really is yokish and in this context most weighty. We cannot alone bear them let alone survive their implicating and intriguing manipulations. Should one decide to bottle up his or her burden, emotional breakdown through high blood pressure and the likes are the few dangerous consequences. One who will release the burden of his problems must first realize that burden or concern as noted in other interpretations is weighty and damaging. Next he or she must come into realization that life and living are not by might or power but by the Spirit of the Lord God for by the power of the hand shall no man prevail. Put another way, he or she must know that God reigns in the Kingdom of men and gives it to whosoever He pleases. As a result, Paul may plant well while Apollo regularly waters; yet, God alone determines the increase. As a result, once we have done all that is required of us, we are to be contented with what the Lord makes of the outcome thanking Him for His Grace in every aspect. This apart from building our faith in Him will also ensure we are free from emotional breakdown and the consequential medical result there from. It is in this context I implore all to be content with what God has given to us while praying Him for more blessings. In short, contentment is releasing the weight of our burden on the Lord God. Have you done this? Please do now and regularly too.

PRAY you are not only righteous, but equally contented in and with Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 23-24; John 15

JUNE 6TH ASSURING THE GODLINESS OF THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 55:23 "But You, O God, will bring down the wicked into the pit of destruction; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in, lean on, and confidently rely on You."

In this affirmation of Faith, nay the Faith that is Jesus Christ our Lord and God, there is simply almost too much to gloss over. First, we have the profession of Faith in the God of the heavens; in His ability alone really to do that which the wicked never envisages-which is bring the wicked down. Why would God do this really? It is because the wicked are diametrically opposed to the Lord of the heavens. Their ways are anachronistic to His. Hence, He must bring them down to annul and nullify their nefarious acts and conducts. This much God owes Himself. Secondly, there is the affirmation of the certainty of the end of blood thirsty men and women-the pit of destruction in which it is impossible for the wicked who are blood thirsty to be half their days here on earth. By implication, other blood thirsty men who nevertheless are killers for the ultimate price of making money unrighteously will know that it pays not to be so hardened. Then comes the most important part of the affirmation-that one would trust in the Lord God of the heavens no matter the situation or circumstance that may want to force or dictate otherwise. The declaration goes thus: I will trust in, lean on, and confidently rely on God Almighty. This is all that Faith and faithing in Christ is all about- leaning the whole self on the Personality and Person of God through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Are you this blessed? It is high time you are.

PRAY you are most blessed in the Lord God of the heavens

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 25-27; John 16

JULY 7TH LORD BE MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS TO ME YOUR SERVANT

READ Psalm 56:1 "BE MERCIFUL and gracious to me, O God, for man would trample me or devour me; all the day long the adversary oppresses me."

Mercifulness you want to be reminded is being gracious to us sinners. It is refusing to punish the sinner for the sin he or she has committed. In other words, it is justifying the sinner instead of punishing his transgression. Hence, it is mercifulness. One who will plead for mercy must first accept wrongdoing. This is the context in which today's Scriptural piece is masterly. Yes! It is and I very well identify with it. I plead for mercy from the ever merciful and compassionate Lord God Who first loved us and He's still loving us in His Glory despite our consistent sinning even in His Grace. I make no hidden show of this but I boldly declare that all days of my life I am indebted to Him for His mercifulness. Having declared this, next comes the issue of His graciousness. It is one thing to be Grace as the Lord is. It is perhaps more important, or at least for us sinners that He is ready to show His Grace in our favor. For one can truly have the ability but not the willingness to exercise that ability in one's favor. Both of these God has showered on us. He is Grace and He willingly exercised and is still exercising His Grace in my favor. First He died for me. Next He gave me His Holy Spirit. Yet He is still interceding for me with the Father as long as I live here and in all probability even after I might have been translated. Didn't He do this for Moses as seen in

Jude when Satan wanted him for himself except for the Grace of God that made Michael the arch angel to fight for his course. Who says God is not gracious in mercifulness! To You alone belongs grace and mercy O Lord. Hallo is Your name.

PRAY you come into the full appreciation of His Mercy and Love

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 28-29; John 17

JUNE 8TH RELYING ON HIS HELP ALWAYS

READ Psalm 56:4 "By [the help of] God I will praise His Word; on God I will lean, rely, and confidently put my trust; I will not fear, What can man, who is flesh, do to me?"

By help here is meant assistance. It is based on reliance on the other Who in this case is just any person or body but the Lord of lords and the God of all manmade gods. Leaning on Him is the same as trusting in Him as noted in another of our sermons in this column some days ago. But upon what basis can one seek and obtain God's help? Simply put, it is upon faithing in Him. To faith in Him is to first know Him and accept Him as the Lord of lords through the finished works of salvation of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Once we come into His Faith and we therein abide, all other things are already accomplished as we journey in and with Him in the Word. This is where today's Scriptural piece becomes most relevant. It says God's praise in this context is best assured by His help as seen in His Word. Since God is invisible, and Jesus Whom we believe is equally unseen as all practical and physical beings being Spirit, I can only relate to Him through His Word that is given to mankind to perceive and understand His Person. His Word is the written component of His Being the Same Who is Himself. Indeed, outside of His Word I cannot know Him. I cannot come into His Faith. His Word is all I need to pilgrimage this earth. All who must journey with Him in Faith; all who must grow in Him; all who must abide in Him must as of necessity journey in Him in His Word. Even the Comforter I can only know in His Word. Without His Word I am naught. This is what the passage today seeks to emphasize. Knowing His Word of knowing through His Inscriptured Word, I fear no foe as He Who is the Word is in and with me. Are you this knowledgeable and solidly confident! Please do and therein abide to the end.

PRAY you are in the Truth of His Word now and always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 30-31; John 18:1-18

JUNE 9TH PUTTING CONFIDENCE IN GOD IS NOT BEING AFRAID

READ Psalm 56:11 "In God have I put my trust and confident reliance; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

There is a lot to learn from the 56th Psalm particularly in terms of its confidence declaration of being not afraid of no one particularly the sons of men. In earth, I do not see who else one should be gravely afraid of apart from the sons of men. God Himself Who made us in His own image regretted having made man for all the thought of men is evil. This is what made man to be gravely and greatly afraid of. I am however joyous in the Lord for the reason that as deceptive as man is; as predominantly evil as he is; and deceptively hypocritical even in his profession of faith in the Lord, God is Lord over him and God reigns over the heavenly as well as the earth. In this way, man is nothing before his Maker nor can he be anything. Man is not to be afraid of if and when one has faithed in the Lord. Man is the most simple to predict and relate

with, in the power of the Holy Spirit as one is daily led in the Faith. It is in this context that I am relieved in the long run. Let me not be misunderstood. I do all I need to do to keep faith and keep soul and the body together. There is no denying the fact of that. Yet, even in this God is my Lead. He directs every step I take and this is no lying. He the Lord God is ready and willing to order every inch of our lives in His power and Holy Spirit if we will give Him the approval. With God on one's side one needs fear no foe. May I invite you to delight in this as we joyously live in the Faith of Christ? You are most blessed in Him permanently.

PRAY you are able to live fearless in His Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-32-33; John 18:19-40

JUNE 10TH NO JUSTIFICATION IN CONDEMNING ANOTHER

Romans 2:1 "THEREFORE YOU have no excuse or defense or justification, O man, whoever you are who judges and condemns another. For in posing as judge and passing sentence on another, you condemn yourself, because you who judge are habitually practicing the very same things [that you censure and denounce]."

Regardless of our opinion which sometimes absolves the running down of another by our unguarded and uncontrolled outbursts, the Bible teaches quite otherwise. You do not slander of condemn the other person. In one of the arguments in favor of the non-condemnation of the other, the apostle Paul had queried who authorized your condemnation of the servant of another? Before his master he is guilty or otherwise. Besides, he had added that he would be blameless before his master as the Lord God has the power to save and deliver. The point being made is that we have no reason at all to condemn any particularly those for whom Christ Jesus had paid the supreme price. Even for the unbelievers, tomorrow they may come on board. If they do not even come on board, there is a sense in which condemnation emanates from internal pride of the person doing the condemning. For instance, I would not condemn if I had not first considered myself superior to the other person as no one servant can safely condemn his master. It is always the other way round. Thus if I am a beneficiary of another's grace Who is God the Lord and Savior, what then is the basis of my condemnation of the other person? If I am saved not by my works but purely by His Grace, on what basis do I run the other person who is presently reeling in sin down? Who tells me the Lord cannot deliver the present sinner today from the throes of continued sinning? Thus, I have no justification at all in condemning any particularly in the Household of the Almighty. Remain blessed in His Grace, alleluia.

PRAY you are divinely restrained in your walking in and with Christ

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 34-36; John 19:1-22

JUNE 11TH ANOTHER REASON WHY YOU DON'T CONDEMN THE OTHER

READ Romans 2:3 "And do you think or imagine, O man, when you judge and condemn those who practice such things and yet do them yourself, that you will escape God's judgment and elude His sentence and adverse verdict?"

The writer of the Hebrews whom many believe to be the indefatigable and beloved apostle Paul has noted thus in chapter 5 verse 2 of same: "*He is able to exercise gentleness and tolerance towards the ignorant and erring, since he himself is liable to moral weakness and physical*

infirmity". What this portends is that the priest of God who has charge for administering the Laws of the Almighty is himself conscious of the truth not just the fact that he is a human being after all and could in future be subject to the same weakness he is ministering and sitting upon. In other words, rather than judge the infirmity of the other, we should focus on their weakness and see the cross of the Lord in His Grace and lovingly point out to the erring the mistake so far committed while seeking the face of God and His assistance to seeing them through. If when we are called upon to minister to the other or upon their errors we see ourselves as victors instead of sinners saved only in His Grace, we claim to ourselves the power to save ourselves as well as others. This you know is nothing but a show and demonstration of Satanism. And no one who will die showing off is acceptable to Him even in His Grace. Consequently, we are admonished to take the human frailty and weakness into consideration as we daily work and walk in His Grace.

PRA you are strengthened in His power

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezra 1-2; John 19:23-42

JUNE 12TH HOW NOT TO STORE UP WRATH AND INDIGNATION FOR SELF

READ Romans 2:5 "But by your callous and impenitence of heart you are storing up wrath and indignation for yourself on the day of wrath and indignation, when God's righteous judgment (just doom) will be revealed."

To put it quite simply and safe at the same time, I would posit that one way of not storing up wrath and indignation of God is to repent of whatever wayward way we are walking in not to talk of basking in. Once we come into repentance, God makes a clean slate of our past misdeeds. This accounts for His long suffering and loving-kindness as noted in verse 4 of today's Scriptural piece. But let us go back a bit. There are some presuppositions that are true in today's piece. One, it talks of storing up wrath and indignation against the day of God's righteous judgment of wrath and indignation. This means in part, it is possible to store up indignation. It is the same thing as saying one is welling up indignation. When one is welling up anything, the possibility of not immediately noting its effect is there. Thus, if one is dong evil and there is no immediate repercussion, the tendency is there to assume quite wrongly that one is on the right or that God is not taking note of same; whereas, He is actually allowing you to well up iniquities until the fullness of time as did the Canaanites whom the Lord dispossessed for the Israelites. Secondly and equally important is the proposition that there is indeed a day of wrath and indignation, indeed, God's day of judging these. This is true as the day of the Lord is the day of fear and dread. As a result, we all should be reverent and not irreverent in our dealings as we journey in this dark world and wide. Remain blessed in His Grace forever more, amen.

PRAY you are most reverent in your daily walking with and in God Almighty

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezra 3-5; John 20

JUNE 13TH KNOWING GOD'S FAIRNESS IN HIS JUDGMENT

READ Romans 2:12 "All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without [regard to] the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged and condemned by the Law."

One implication of the passage above in our discussions, nay sermon today is that God is going to take into cognizance your exposure, nay, the opportunities available to you in judging you

and I. What this means is that God will be most fair to all. And before you think wrongly that if I do not believe I have an alibi, let me remind you quickly that Romans 1:20 had taken away any alibi as all have been exposed to the clear understanding and knowledge of the Almighty through His creations, indeed, His creations. As a result, no one is without any excuse not to come into the Faith. Be that as it may; the Bible also teaches that the servant who knows the will of his master and refuses to dance along the line will receive much cane compared to the one who knows not who will receive less. Nevertheless, both will be punished for not being in the will of the master. In like manner here, the apostle Paul is arguing quite truly that if any acts without the knowledge of the Laws of God, and acts negatively, he or she dies outside of the Law of God. If however I know His Laws as I am born again and have His Holy Spirit and I refuse to do His will, then I perish with the knowledge of the Law. So there is no hiding place. Regardless of the severity of the punishment, punishment is punishment; and regardless of whether I am rewarded greatly or otherwise or not at all rewarded, as long as I am in eternity Life, I am saved from eternal perdition. For people like me however who are genuinely hungry for the best in the Lord, I want not just to be rewarded by Him but I want the fattest of His reward now and then. Whatever this will cost me I am decided to pay the price howbeit in His Grace alone, amen.

PRAY you are greatly favored in His Grace and Knowledge always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezra 6-8; John 21

JUNE 14TH KNOWING THE ESSENCE OF THE LAW OF GOD

REAS Romans 2:14 "When Gentiles who have not the [divine] Law do instinctively what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, since they do not have the Law."

The essence of the Law is really not to condemn the man made in His image in His love and Grace but to explore the innate nature of the man-the same which is in heavenly endowed God's consciousness. Thus, it is possible for one to do right always without overtly being conscious of the Laws of God in this regard. John 1 has noted that the Light Who is Jesus Christ the Savior did light all who came into the world from birth we would add really. In this wise verse 15 of the same chapter becomes relevant, the same which is given here: *"They show that the essential requirements of the Law are written in their hearts and are operating there, with which their consciences (sense of right and wrong) also bear witness; and their [moral] decisions (their arguments of reason, their condemning or approving thoughts) will accuse or perhaps defend and excuse [them]."* The point therefore is that by nature man is created godly as he is infused with God's consciousness. This accounts for why almost the most common and fierce arguments in life are those touching on the existence, nature, and nurture of God, nay His Person and Personality with the two great divides of believing and not believing in His existence. Accordingly, when the unbelieving acts right he is only following his innate being and when he acts wrongly and sinfully he is also displaying his fallen state. Yet, none of us have a right to remain fallen having being redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb the Same that is Precious.

PRAY you will know Him Who dwells in the highest heavens personally today

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezra 9-10; Acts of the Apostles 1

JUNE 15TH BOASTING IN THE LAW AND YET DISHORING THE LORD OF THE LAW?

READ Romans 2:23 "You who boast in the Law, do you dishonor God by breaking the Law [by stealthily infringing upon or carelessly neglecting or openly breaking it]?"

The above passage literally referred to the Jews then who boasted of being the oracles of the Lord by divine election, which is true; yet, break the same Law with impunity. To these the apostle Paul then opinionated that they by so doing dishonored the Lord God Who Himself first gave the Law. Of what use then you want to ask me is their boasting? Of course, it is of no meaning to say the least. In today's world, and in our own environment, being a Christian and of the Pentecostal fold is the vogue. Yet, almost all who so boast and show off their religiosity are no better than those they seek to condemn. They defame and run down those who attend other denominations by calling them names like white garment churches little knowing enough about them. Yet, they are not even as knowledgeable in the workings of the Almighty as these are. Of a truth, there may be one thing or the other wrong with these other denominations that need be corrected. These do not call for an outright condemnation of them or declassifying them as none Christians. As a matter of divine truth, true Christianity is not a thing of association or identifying with a particular church or denomination as much as doing it right by believing truly in one's heart that Jesus is the Lord and outwardly confessing this by walking and working in His Light. It may be profitable to reckon on one's advantage in Christ, yet, it is more noble to glory in the Savior and lovingly but patiently showcase Jesus in our lives to those whose knowledge of Him is still warped off somehow. You are blessed perpetual in Him, amen.

PRAY you are not self opinionated

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 1-3; Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

JUNE 16TH DOER OF THE LAW IS THE KEEPER OF THE LAW

READ Romans 2:26 "So if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be credited to him as [equivalent to] circumcision?"

In conclusion of all we have been examining of late; we see that the doer of the Law or better put, the man who is internally glued to the Law of the Lord is the keeper of the Law. If I boast of being of the circumcision and look down on all who are not circumcised in the practical terms, yet I keep not the Law of circumcision, it profiteth me nothing, neither does it say anything good about my belief nor does it propagate any way. But if in my acts and deeds, I promote that which the circumcision symbolizes without me being overtly circumcised, I am a fulfiller of the Law of God. Put another way, religiosity is good and desirable if matched with the holiness of the Lord in His righteousness. But if I tout around my religiosity without appropriate and befitting practical works, it profits me nothing and indeed, become a burden on the Law of God itself. Coming home, we see that Jesus Christ the Nazarene was not only God in the flesh, but He also went about in His flesh in the anointing of the Holy Spirit righting all wrongs and putting to shame the power of the enemy. Thus, if none believed His claim, they had no choice than to accept His supernatural power and good doing. This is the essence of religion-to practically and positively impact society and all that it stands for. In this way, all would see and appreciate the social value at least of our profession and will all be grateful and appreciative of our good doings. From this point we can then press in on the need for them to accept the power behind our profession of Faith. It is most well with you in the name above every other name named here or in the worlds to come. Amen.

PRAY you are what you profess in the Lord and always too

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 4-6; Acts of the Apostles 2:22-47

JUNE 17TH KNOWING AND RECOGNIZING THE REAL TRUE CHRISTIAN

READ Romans 2:28 "For he is not a [real] Jew who is one only outwardly and publicly, nor is [true] circumcision something external and physical."

Starting off today's discussion involves defining first who is a Christian and what exactly is circumcision. As noted in Scripture, a Christian is one who first truly believes in his heart and later makes a profession of that true belief. If for instance he is not true in his conviction, meaning if he professes falsehood, no matter the extent of the profession, he is not a Christian. If he truly believes and refuses to profess his belief as required he is not a Christian too. In like manner, the physical cutting off of the flesh from the private part of a male child or adult as the case may be will be of no value if it is not marked and backed up with true belief in God. The outward show is after all a follow up of the internal which it reflects. Although both stages of being a Christian and circumcised are important, one is more important than the other in that the inner controls the outer and is more important than the outer. This is the issue being examined today. If we profess Christ as Lord and Savior, it is meet that we also let our living be a true reflection of our faith. We cannot profess one thing and act another. I cannot say I am a true Christian when my acts and deeds far negate the tenets of Christianity. So act and so match your action with your conviction. It is well with you in the truth of your profession, amen.

PRAY you are not in the game of hypocrisy particularly in matters of His Faith

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 7-9; Acts of the Apostles 3

JUNE 18 CONCLUDING OUR RECOGNITION OF HIS TRUTH

READ Romans 2:29 "But he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and [true] circumcision is of the heart, a spiritual and not a literal [matter]. His praise is not from men but from God."

What all we are saying boils down to is that mere formality in warship is simply satanic. No one needs show off his belief whether truly or otherwise. We should all go beyond mere religiosity to practical faith and faithing in the Lord the same that enhances human relation and enlivens our social interaction. It doesn't make any sense at all to multiply sin and sinning, nay criminality in the face of growing houses of worship particularly the Christian house of worship. If truly we believe in the righteous and holy Lord Who is God, we should all shore up our societies as we see the goodness and righteous judgment in our social life styles. We are not to act but to truly be Christians. This is what the parable of the Good Samaritan teaches. The Priest passed by the wounded because he did not want to soil his white garment while his heart was already seared. The Levite was no better, after all he was assisting the Priest. So what does one expect from the tail when the head is empty? Didn't Scripture say when the foundation is spoilt the righteous is perplexed? So what are we saying then if we continue in sin and sinning, nay in criminology and want the Grace of God to excel? It doesn't work out that way please. Glory is God in the highest heavens, alleluia.

PRAY you are what you profess to be in His power and might

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 10-11; Acts of the Apostles 4:1-2

JUNE 19TH COMING TO TERMS WITH THE ADVANTAGES OF THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIANS

READ Romans 3:1 "THEN WHAT advantage remains to the Jew? [How is he favored?] Or what is the value or benefit of circumcision?"

According to verse 2ff of this passage, a lot advantages there are for the Jew or for being a Jew of the Abraham stock. For once, to them were committed the oracles of the Lord God Almighty. For another, the Jews were blessed to have birthed the Lord and Savior of mankind, even Jesus the Nazarene. Yet, the Jews are blessed with the best land areas of the earth both literally and spiritually as the New Jerusalem will be descended at the very present location of the earthly Jerusalem. Besides, we shall all be *indebted* to the Jews forever for the Abrahamic covenant one in which the whole world was and is being blessed through the Seed of Abraham the Same Who is Christ the Messiah. Although the Jews as a nation are no Christians today and are yet to be punished for their crucification of the Lord God particularly in the tribulation period of seven years divided into two equal halves, the Jews will still be favored at the end of same as the Lord Savior will descend on Mount Olives as He earlier ascended and save the remnants who would be most feeble from the throes of the antichrist. What all these boil down to is that the Lord still loves the Jews their initial unbelief not minding. Circumcision as well as all other shadow symbolism all find fulfillment in Christ Jesus Who is the Antitype of all shadows meaning the Fulfillment of all shadow representations in the Old Testament. How much of this do you know or given to know?

PRAY you are knowledgeable in the Theology of Scripture

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 12-13; Acts of the Apostles 4:23-37

JUNE 20TH RECOGNIZING THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD APART FROM THE LAW

READ Romans 3:21 "But now the righteousness of God has been revealed independently and altogether apart from the Law, although actually it is attested by the Law and the Prophets."

I am full of the joy of the Lord for the discussions of the soteriological issues of Christianity. By Soteriology is meant the area of theology where the salvation work of Christ is studied. Salvation in Christianity is entirely by Grace, His Grace based on the finished work of Christ Jesus at Calvary and is accessed only by Faith in the finished work. It is not what anybody could have done. It is simply a finished transaction. All who will come into His Faith from the moment all truly believe are given clean slates as if they never sinned in the world. All subsequent sin and sinning are abrogated on the precious blood of the Lamb the moment forgiveness is sought. There is no one instance of seeking forgiveness meaningfully and its being denied. This is the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. The Law demanded obedience and compliance with the requirements of the Law as given to Moses. The Righteousness of God as opposed to the Law bequeaths righteousness of Christ on all who will believe. One is based on the level of adherence to the Law while the other which is Grace is based entirely on the finished works of the Savior accessed entirely by faithing in Him. So why not come on board now? It can't ever be simpler than this-free of charge entirely at the expense of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior.

PRAY you are in the Truth which is the Way, His Way of Righteousness really

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Esther 1-2; Acts of the Apostles 5:1-21

JUNE 21ST IN ADAM ALL SINNED; IN CHRIST ALL ARE JUSTIFIED FOR LIFE

READ Romans 3:23 "Since all have sinned and are falling short of the honor and glory which God bestows and receives."

In Adam and in Eden, mankind sinned and died. This is the truth of. The story is simply and direct. God gave the Adams a simple commend. They transgressed the command and in Adam all humanity dies beginning from and including Eve. Remember that God never included the death sentence of the curve place upon Eve. But having been taken out of the man, she too died in the man. Even the ground from which the man was taken was not spared of the curse as he was cursed and remain accursed till today. Hence its being hardened now the same that saps the labor of msn until he returns to the ground from which he was initially taken. By the same token all who were and are still in the loin of Adam died in him. The good news for us all is that by the same principle of inheritance, all lives in the last Adam Who is Christ the Savior but by choice only. If they will not believe they remain perished. It is not they will perish. All are already perished in Adam for that was what death meant and still means today. But for those of us who have taken on the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, if we abide till the end of our journey here on earth in His Faith, we have eternity life as no other. Know that all will be in eternity whether life or death. Eternity is real for all who will come into this world. You are invited today into His Righteousness. Amen.

PRAY you will be eternity Life bound here on earth

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Esther 3-5; Acts of the Apostles 5:22-45

JUNE 22nd BANISHING OUR CARNAL PRIDE ON THE PRINCIPLE OF FAITH AND FAITHING

READ Romans 3:27 "Then what becomes of [our] pride and [our] boasting? It is excluded (banished, ruled out entirely). On what principle? [On the principle] of doing good deeds? No, but on the principle of faith."

The issue of pride and boasting as conceived here is to be understood in the context of the Jews who prided themselves truly though as the oracles of the Lord God for with them God deposited all revelation of Himself now known and documented after a long period of odious preservation as the Holy Bible. This was novel and gracious to say the least. But beyond this novelty as it was, no one is saved by his good deed and no one is hell bound because of the absence of his good deed. Whether we make heaven or not the first and foremost is a matter of faith-faithing in the finished work of salvation accomplished by Jesus Christ on the Cross even before the foundation of the earth. After accepting His Faith by believing, then comes the issue of reward based entirely on our ability to work out our salvation already ensured through fear and trembling as we use His Holy Ghost enablement to do that for which we are called into the Faith. Put another way, work saves no one. The lack of it destroys no one also. All that is required of you and I is to faith in the Blood of the Lamb and live His life in ourselves or rather allow Him to live Himself in us all through our lifetime. How well we allow this determines our reward or the absence of same. Yet, we are saved already whether or not we allow Him to live Himself in us as long as we abide in Him to the end. Amen.

PRAY you will not only be saved but more importantly you will live Him in you all your days

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Esther 6-8; Acts of the Apostles 6

JUNE 23RD JUSTIFICATION AND UPRIGHTNESS ONLY BY FAITH IN CHRIST

READ Romans 3:28 "For we hold that a man is justified and made upright by faith independent of and distinctly apart from good deeds (works of the Law). [The observance of the Law has nothing to do with justification.]"

The truth of Scripture that Jesus teaches the same that forms His Good News is that in Christ Jesus all believers are justified in His Righteousness. What I am saying is that just as I became a transgressor from my mother's womb by inheritance of the Adamic nature, in like manner, I become guiltless of any and all sins in Christ Jesus by my believing in His sacrificial death for me first and for all who will also like me believe. It is not by work which any has done or possibly could have done. It is by Grace in the sense that it has nothing to do with me. I am not worthy and can never be worthy of this sacrifice. But just before I was aware of my death and dying to and in sin, at the time set by the Almighty, God showed His love for me and for humanity in general by dying in my stead. All I need is to accept His sacrifice and continue to live a holy life in His power through His indwelling Holy Spirit. In this wise, we are justified and made upright by God through the imputation of the righteousness of Jesus Christ on us. By the same token He God had earlier imputed the sins of the world on His only begotten Son Jesus Who knew no sin or possibly could never have known one simply because He God delighted in the sons of men. In this only are sinners like you and I restored and graciously made whole again in His Grace. Accept this truth today and so live ever more, amen.

PRAY you will embrace the Righteousness of Christ Jesus all the days of your life and living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Esther 8-10; Acts of the Apostles 7:1-2

JUNE 24th IS GOD MERELY FOR THE JEWS ONLY? NO! HE IS FOR ALL OF US-JEWS AS WELL AS NONJEWS

READ ROMANS 3:29 "Or is God merely [the God] of Jews? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also."

Who is a Jew and who is a Gentile? In Bible times as well as today, a Jew is a national of Israel meaning he or she is a direct descendant of Abraham and if Abraham then Jacob the beloved who was and still is surnamed Israel by the Almighty through his successful struggling, indeed, fighting with man and God in Christ and prevailing at the same time. A Gentile is any and all who is not a Jew. It doesn't matter which is the nationality. All who are outside the commonwealth of the Jews then were considered non-Jews and by implication, Gentiles. A Gentile therefore by definition is anyone who is not a Jew whether male or female, black or white or even colored. Scripturally today as well as then, all who were not of Abraham descent biologically, are Gentiles. These are people who were not one of the original oracles of God in that they were not fathered by Abraham. To these set of people Jesus did not minister directly while He lived because He was not commissioned to them. He however commissioned His followers who were charged by Him to ensure that they ministered to these people who represent the largest population of the earth. The Gentiles accepted Christ then as the Jews from whose stock He was raised killed Him in rejection. Thus, it would have been an act of injustice and ingratitude if God were for the Jews only; after all He God created us all whether Jew or non-Jews. In that we accepted Him, He gave to us power to be His whether or not we were born of Father Abraham. We are the largest followers of God in Christ today and so we would be till eternity Life for what the Jews lost in unbelief His Grace has given to us in Faith. So He is the God of all whether Jews or non-Jews, alleluia.

PRAY you are into the Commonwealth of Jesus Christ today where there is no discrimination

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 1-2; Acts of the Apostles 7:22-43

JUNE 25TH KNOWING THE FIRMLY RELYING FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

READ Romans 3:30 "Since it is one and the same God Who will justify the circumcision by faith [which germinated from Abraham} and the uncircumcised through their [newly acquired] faith. [For it is the same trusting faith in both cases, a firmly relying faith in Jesus Christ."

The truth of Scripture which can never ever be muffled is that Faith in God through Jesus Christ alone is the necessary ingredient that leads to heaven. This is so because there is no name given again under the sky by which man is to be saved from all his woes except the name above all names Jesus Christ the Nazarene. Whether in ages past or ages present or ages future, the same is the story-Jesus is the Door by which all who must see and know the Father God truly must enter. In ages past, God allowed them the use of His shadow in various forms of the sacrificial beasts and birds in place for the coming or rather until the revelation of Jesus. For it is impossible for the blood of bull to save man. For one thing the bull is inferior to man. For another, God is the Creator of man and all that be. If we reject Him in disobedience in Eden, we must come back into Him through Himself and nothing short of this. So in the shadow then they worshipped God in Christ. In ages to come which are the tribulation, millennium and eternity, Christ will be worshipped in retrospect as He has completed the requirement for salvation once and He cannot do it twice. Thus, whether in the past or now, Jesus is to be worshipped by Faith the same that leads to heaven. Alleluia, amen.

PRAY you know the Name Jesus in its entirety

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 3-4; Acts of the Apostles 7:44-60

JUNE 26TH SEEKING REFUGE IN THE MERCIFULNESS AND GRACIOUSNESS OF THE FATHER

READ Psalm 57:1 "BE MERCIFUL and gracious to me, O God, be merciful and gracious to me, for my soul takes refuge and finds shelter and confidence in You; yes, in the shadow of Your wings will I take refuge and be confident until calamities and destructive storms are passed."

Twice in this one verse, the Psalter begs the Lord God to be merciful and gracious unto him. This is for emphasis really. But what is mercifulness in the context of graciousness? To be merciful is to refuse to meet out the deserved and desired punishment to an offender whether man or animal while being gracious is dispensing one's grace to another the same which is giving unto the other the good he or she does not deserve. Both are connected in that mercifulness erases one's sin and sinning and the consequences of same while being gracious or graciousness imparts unto one the benefit of sonship in Christ Jesus whether or not the Psalter was aware of this truth this much is inconsequential now. What matters is the truth that he longs for both to be dispensed in his favor. Once done, there are no more demands or requirements; indeed, no more challenges in life. Why? His mercies have shielded one from all punishments whatever they may be and wherever they are coming from. His grace in graciousness has ensured that one gets all that is appropriated to one in His Grace. With these assurances, who needs talk of any calamity again! And I mean the worst of calamities. This is the more reason why the Psalter is rested in the Grace of the Lord as he awaits the manifestation of His Grace not minding the

calamitous situation he was in. You and I need no less than this show of His power and might in one as we daily grow in His Faith in His power. You are most blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY you are in the totality of His Graciousness always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 5-7; Acts of the Apostles 8:1-25

JUNE 27TH EXALTING THE LORD GOD ABOVE THE HEAVENS

READ Psalm 57:5 "Be exalted, O God above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth."

How does mortal man exalt his Creator? What is the acceptable way of exalting the Lord God? Since He is seated among the Cherubim in the highest heavens, how does one exalt Him above the heavens themselves? These and a few others we will attempt to find answers to here under. To start with, exalting the Lord in whatever form is the same thing as singing His Praises as much as one is enabled and knows how to. That He is to be exalted above the heavens simply means not minding His abode in the highest of the heavenly for which we commonly ascribe the highest heavens to Him rightly; God is more than His handiwork in as much as the owner of the House is more important than the house itself. In other words, we are admonished to exalt God far above the heavens. We are being succinctly reminded that the heavens as lofty and high as they are the handiworks of the Almighty. As a result, they are not to be considered as anything in relation to their Creator Who is Lord and God of all. So how does His glory or rather how does He allow His glory to be upon all the earth? This is very simple. He created all things and made the earth His footstool upon which He casts His feet. If He wills, He alone will make and allow His Glory to overshadow the earth as vast as the earth is. He alone can do this and He alone does all these wonder. So God Almighty, let your glory be upon all the earth now and forever more O Lord!

PRAY you are this blessed O Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 8-10; Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40

JUNE 28TH KNOWING THE EXTENT OF THE MERCIES AND LOVING-KINDNESS OF THE ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 57:10 "For your mercy and loving-kindness are great, reaching to the heavens, and Your truth and faithfulness to the clouds."

How can we characterize and quantify the mercies of the Lord God? In his Lamentations, the prophet Jeremiah rightly noted that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases as His mercies never come to an end; rather than any of these, they are daily renewed every morning as great is the faithfulness of the Lord God. This too has not quantified His loving kindness. A psalm has noted that as the east is from the West and the North from the South so is the Lord's mercy towards us. I believe and quite convincingly too that we cannot and will never ever know the length, breath, width and height of the mercies and loving-kindness of the Lord towards all His creations particularly the mankind. Even in eternity, I am of the opinion we would not be able to fully comprehend Him unless we want to postulate that the angels now know Him inside out. So why didn't Lucifer His door keeper know the futility of his rebellion from the beginning? Even as a father loves his child, God's love is more than that. How many fathers and I am one truly, will show compassion to a prodigal child the way the Lord has done for us? I am not sure any father can do that. If this is debatable, what about One laying His life for the love of His friends not to

talk of His enemies then? I am of the opinion we would never ever know the quality and quantity of God's love for us because we are not that equipped. One thing though, if He asks us to love our friends as ourselves, it must be He Himself loves us as Himself. Glory is His Name, alleluia.

PRAY you are in the truth of His knowledge always in His love towards us

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 11-13; Acts of the Apostles 9:1-21

JUNE 29TH PRAYING THE IMPRECATORY!

READ Psalm 58:6 "Break their teeth, O God, in their mouths: break out the fangs of the young lions, O Lord."

By imprecatory is meant curses. And before you start to argue or desire to crucify me unknowingly, first realize that this is taken from Scripture, and every Scriptural piece is God breathed meaning He Himself authored them as they are even though He used the sons of men to pen them down. As a result, they are infallible and are sacrosanct. Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior also rained the imprecatory on the Scribes and the Pharisees of His time. Do not forget too soon His imprecatory on the fig tree. Thus if the inanimate is not spared the curses and imprecatory of the Lord God, who then is to be spared? Perhaps more importantly, why condemn the use of the imprecatory? Or perhaps you want to teach the Lord the rightness or otherwise of His actions and inactions just because you have being before the mountains, nay before God Himself! My position is this. When rightly and righteously led by the Holy Spirit, it is well to rain the imprecatory. I can't remember when last I did because I am not so led. Not being so led is not the same thing as legalizing that for everybody. For although we are of One Body in Christ, yet, our experiences and our growth, indeed, our endowments are varying and various. Do not forget that your raining imprecatory on any is still subject to His will. So why worry about yourself? Why not give God the whole of yourself and let Him decide what is yours and mine even in His Grace? Alleluia.

PRAY you are in the knowledge of His Truth

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 14-16; Acts of the Apostles 9:22-43

JUNE 30TH PRAYING DELIVERANCE FROM ALL ENEMIES OF THE LORD

READ Psalm 59:1 "DELIVER ME from my enemies, O God; defend and protect me from those who rise up against me."

Just as salvation is of the Lord, deliverance also in all its ramification is of the Lord. As a matter of divine truth, salvation is an all encompassing word taking unto itself deliverance and other related words. As a result, praying for deliverance is not preposterous as it is the normal thing the believer will do regularly. Not that we are not already delivered; no; not that at all. But as long as we live, there would always be the rearing of the Goliath in our lives. Even when the Goliath dad is killed other sons of Goliath will always rear their heads as in the case of David. So I want to submit first that praying deliverance could be preposterous except that we need to tell God our needs as they arise. Secondly, praying deliverance as in the case of the imprecatory is a necessary duty of the Christian as God only is our Deliverer. Just as we go to work every day not minding the fact that God has assured us of our daily bread and twice really, in the same token

we need to cry to the Lord our God when the enemies of our soul want to make a mince meat of us regardless of the truth that we are born again. Jesus our Lord did it on the Cross you will remember as He first lamented His rejection and seeming abandonment by the Lord. But He cried aloud again after that of seeking water when He gave up His Ghost. The apostle Paul also cursed that impostor of a Priest who struck his mouth in his apologetics when he asked God to strike him for breaking the Law while claiming to keep same. Brothers and sisters in the Lord, cry deliverance unto the Lord. It is your right and all the time needed really. Amen.

PRAY he always delivers you from all your enemies who are His enemies too

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 17-19; Acts of the Apostles 10:1-23

JULY 1ST LETTING YOUR ENEMIES LIVE TO SEE YOUR GOD GIVEN GOOD

READ Psalm 59:11 "Slay them not, lest my people forget; scatter them by Your power and make them wander to and fro, and bring them down, O Lord our Shield."

Here we are with what seems an avalanche of prayer requests from the man of the Lord who should know to the Lord God Who Himself is Knowledge and Wisdom. In all circumstances we would ever find ourselves in this dark world and wide, we are to always allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit; His Spirit really. Why? It is because even in Grace, His Grace really, we are incapable of knowing and determining that which is best for us. For this reason the Holy Spirit, His Spirit groans in us with an unspeakable mind helping us to say that which we are to say. Thus, in some instances, outright death is best for your enemies. At other times, they need be scattered and confounded. Yet in some other instances, they require no recognition at all as they are distractions on their own. In all these, who knows best except our Rock of Ages! For this, we are to allow Him to pray in us. You may be amazed, but this is the truth. My prayer is not more than glorying in Him. Except I am led in specific terms and I am so led not so often, I study the Scripture and in my meditation of and on Him I am led as to what to do. Even in my counseling, I wait entirely on His leading and that's it. There was a medical doctor who was also a pastor in my Missions who was plagued by diabetes. After exhausting all medical procedures with no positive change, he sought my directive and the Holy Ghost asked me to tell him to live on cassava flacks locally called *Gari.* Although it was starch, he obeyed and six months later he was worried about the waist increase as he was completely healed. How amazing is it to wait on our Lord God! It is well with you amen.

PRAY you will allow Him to have His Way in you always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLSEH AND YOU TODAY-Job 20-21; Acts of the Apostles 10:24-48

JULY 2ND SINGING YOUR PRAISES O LORD MY STRENGTH ALWAYS

READ Psalm 59:17 "Unto You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; for God is my Defense, my Fortress, and High Tower, the God Who shows me mercy and steadfast love."

Here we are again in the power of His strength. Let me share with you my immediate experience. I was writing this *Pathfinder* and I was racing for time. I had gone as far as August 18th when somehow I pressed a button and all went off the record. My immediate reaction was to place my hands on my head with the intention I had labored in vain. I tried all I could to retrieve all I had written down in the power of the Holy Spirit. To let you know what I was facing

as I was racing for time, I had to be carrying my laptop home on a daily basis putting in at least two hours of strenuous work after the day's hectic program. Yet, when I thought I was making progress God allowed the enemy of my soul to tempt me. Then it occurred to me to call the experts in the church. They were of no help except for the last saving we made in the flash some time some weeks back. Satan laid it in my mind to skip the lost books of the *Pathfinder* if we may term it so and continue with the rest. But on getting to the office the following morning after retrieving the one in the flash the Lord emphasized it upon my mind to continue from where the retrieval ended. After all God knew what the enemy wanted to achieve. This I have denied him as I praise the Lord my God for the opportunity given me again to revisit that which was previously written and make a better job of same in His Power. What is more, we decide to immediately put whatever is written on the internet the Sunday following their penning down. What a beauty in apparent disarray! Hallo be Your name O Lord.

PRAY you and I will always Praise His Holy Name in any and all situations, amen.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 22-24; Acts of the Apostles 11

JULY 3RD WHAT GAINETH OUR FATHER ABRAHAM?

READ Romans 4:1 "[BUT] IF so, what shall we say about Abraham, our forefather humanly speaking-[what did he] find out? [How does this affect his position, and what was gained by him?]."

In the last verse of the preceding chapter but two, the question was raised if God was merely the God of the Jews as opposed to the Gentiles. The answer was He is more of the Jews as well as the Gentiles Who alone will justify the Jews and their circumcision by faith which germinated through Abraham as well as justify the Gentiles also by the same faith in Christ Jesus. So the gain of father Abraham in the flesh is enormous. First, he is the father of all the Jews whether or not they will believe in the Lord God. More than this, he becomes a mark for all Jews who will believe. No matter how many they would be they cannot be as many as the none Jews all over the world who are brought in the same Faith of Jesus Christ and to who Abraham also becomes the father. So whichever way we want to look at it, the Lord is blessed the more in Abraham through the extension of the Faith of Jesus Christ far and beyond the shores of the Jews. Perhaps more importantly, God is more blessed as He garners unto Himself all peoples of the world from the four corners of the earth regardless of their nationality which means nothing before the Lord God Almighty. We glorify the Lord Most High for His goodness in this regards, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are numbered in the numbering of Life of all saints of His

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 25-27; Acts of the Apostles 12

JULY 4TH BLESSED IS THE MAN THE LORD CREDITS WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS OUTSIDE OF WORK

READ Romans 4:6 "Thus David congratulates the man and pronounces a blessing on him to whom God credits righteousness apart from the works he does:"

You want to know the why of the congratulation of the apostle and priest David of him whom the Lord God blesses with eternal blessings outside of his works? It is because he is a beneficiary of the Grace of the Almighty. One who is rewarded for the work he has done is justified in his

work the same that gives him the reward. But he who is not at all at work or who can never ever work out his way into righteousness but has same credited to him or her is most blessed. Why? It is because God has just singled him or her out for divine favor. When you work not but are rewarded abundantly far beyond what your work can ever give you, it means you are noticed; it means you are important; it means you are quintessential for the Almighty to have singled you out for that which is exclusively His prerogative. It is another matter entirely if one were to have worked one's way through. The point I have struggled to naturally put across to you here is that the Grace of God that is bequeathed to us all who are the called out of this sinful and sinning world presupposes God's eternal love and quintessential care for us all in that while we knew not ourselves; while we could not have helped ourselves, He knew us and cared for us and is still caring for us and would remain caring for us until we are face to face with Him in His Glory. Herein are we most blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY you are in the Grace that is given free of charge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY- Job 28-29; Acts of the Apostles 13:1-25

JULY 5th IS THE BLESSING OF FAITH MEANT ONLY FOR THE CIRCUMCISED?

READ Romans 4:9 "Is this blessing (happiness) then meant only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We say that faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness."

We have to go back to the genesis of the calling and blessing of father Abraham. To begin with, we never heard anything and couldn't have heard anything about Abram before Genesis 12 when he was called by God. Whether or not he had heard God speak before we are not told. But in all probability, chances are that he had never heard God's calling until then. Yet, when he was called and before he responded at all, God had promised to make him a blessing and that through him the entire world shall be blessed. We conclude that Abram later known as Abraham had been justified even before he came into the Faith. Nevertheless he believed Him Who had spoken for which cause he had his belief in Him otherwise termed faith as righteousness. Thenceforth, obedience has been the only means of appropriating faith, nay the Faith that is Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Accordingly therefore, the blessings of the faith are not only for the circumcised for circumcision in itself is only a token, a sign of the covenant not the covenant proper. Thus, any who will faith in the Lord through consistent and persistent obedience to His Laws is blessed and justified by his faith in Him and not otherwise, amen.

PRAY you are the beneficiary of His Gracious blessings always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 30-31; Acts of the Apostles 13:26-52

JULY 6TH CIRCUMCISION ONLY A TOKEN OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE FAITH OF CHRIST

READ Romans 4:11 "He received the mark of circumcision as a token or an evidence [and] seal of the righteousness which he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised-[faith] so that he was to be made the father of all who [truly] believe, though without circumcision, and who thus have righteousness (right standing with God) imputed to them and credited to their account."

We have to know that circumcision as important and as crucial as God made it was after all a token as I have said a couple of days ago. In other words, what makes circumcision crucially

important is the Word of God backing it up. Without the Word, it is of no effect. As a result all those who were making much of it; all the Jews really were mistaken for not actually realizing the power behind the token. What then is the token? Biblically, the token as here conceived is only an outward proof of an internal rebirth. That is the real expression. Thus, if there is no genuine internal rebirth, the open outward show is of no effect. Consider it from this perspective. The baptism in water is after all a reflection of the genuine conviction that has taken place internally. If any undergoes water baptism without actually being reformed within, he is of no use to himself. Conversely, if one bypasses water baptism after internally accepting Jesus as His personal Lord and Savior, he is reborn of the Spirit and is heaven bound. If he abides therein, he makes heaven. As a result, all the noises the Jews were making about outward show of circumcision without a corresponding inner rebirth is of no effect, ultra vice, and a nullity. Are you this informed? The content of today's Scriptural piece should be informative enough. Amen

PRAY you are this informed in the Lord

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 32-33; Acts of the Apostles 14

JULY 7TH KNOWING ABRAHAM THROUGH THE RIGHTOUSNESS OF FAITH

READ Romans 4:13 "For the promise to Abraham or his posterity, that he should inherit the world, did not come through [observing the commands of] the Law but through the righteousness of faith."

A corollary of what we have posited of late is the truth that Abraham became the father of faith not the father of the observance of the provisions of the Law as powerful as that was then. He was not commended for the observance of the Law. For under the Law Abraham was guilty of lying and twice he did this when he commanded his wife who was his half sister to claim not to be his wife. By agreeing to sleep with the slave girl Hagar without asking the view of the Lord was not a righteousness act. These and many others will condemn Abraham before the Law that was all inclusive in that a transgression of one was the transgression of all. But God in His infinite mercy has commended His love for us through His imputation of His righteousness to us without our works. Thus Abraham was not credited with the righteousness of the Law even when he was yet a Gentile so to say. He was actually imputed with divine righteousness even when he had just obeyed the Lord to come out of his family background for a place He God was taking him. Obedience in faith, nay the Faith that is Jesus is the core matter here. Faithing in Him Who calls those things that are not as if they are and they become existing is what saves one and not the mere observance of the provisions of the Law of Moses although God given through His angels. Understand thou this much? It is good you do.

PRAY you are most knowledgeable in the Grace doctrine

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 43-35; Acts of the Apostles 15:1-21

JULY 8TH GRACE AS THE UNMERITED FAVOR OF THE ALMIGHTY THROUGH FAITH

READ Romans 4:16 "Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor), to make it stable and valid and guaranteed to all his descendants-not only to the devotees and adherents of the Law, but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, who is [thus] the father of all."

For the umpteenth time we declare most emphatically that Grace, the Grace of the Almighty God in Christ Jesus is summed up as the unmerited favor of God for His own. It is the undeserved good, blessing, and adoration of God upon us sinners even when we knew Him not. It is not an act which any of us could ever perform. Rather, it is what God in Christ did for us so that we can be in His commonwealth and be priests and kings in His universe. Although once the enablement to work righteousness is given to one as the Spirit of God in us wills, yet this is not salvation. We have no input in our salvation nor can we ever contribute into same in as much as we contributed nothing to our damnation. Rather, we were all damned by inheritance in Adam when he fell in the Garden of delight. So I die not for the many sins I commit and would commit but because I was in the loin of Adam when he was cursed to die. The good news however is that I need not remain in this damnation as long as I choose to faith in the finished works of Jesus Christ on the Cross. It is an already completed action of salvation as He declared it is finished as He gave up the Ghost. Come right in today. All are qualified. He died for both Jews and none Jews alike. Only you can disqualify yourself by refusing to take advantage of this gracious gift. Please die not but live in Christ both now and forever more, amen.

PRAY you are in the undying Grace of the Lord God by faithing in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 36-37; Acts of the Apostles 15:22-41

JULY 9TH ACKNOWLEDGING THE GOD WHO GIVES LIFE TO DEAD THINGS

READ Romans 4:17 "As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed."

It is not enough to know God, it is equally important if not more to acknowledge Him as God. Doing this is recognizing Him as God and giving Him all the deference and honor deserving of His name. One feature of God which makes Him unique among many other infinite ones is His ability to call those things that were either dead or have never being as if they are, based on His previous promises in this regard. Put another way, God Almighty is the God of all possibilities. Nothing shall ever be made impossible for Him. Once He makes His pronouncement, they are already fulfilled and all who know Him only await the manifestation according to His time and timing. As a result, there is no impossibility with and in Him. In this regards, He called Sarah the mother of nations when she was barren and her womb was as good as dead. Yet, at the fullness of His time, it came to pass. In the same token, a virgin who had never slept with a man conceived and birthed a Son the Same Who is the Savior of the universe. This is the point being emphasized in today's ministration. All the Lord has promised you in Scripture and in His spoken Word through His elects are already fulfilled. Await the manifestation and doubt not. You are most blessed alleluia.

PRAY you will always recognize God as LORD of all

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 38-40; Acts of the Apostles 16:1-21

JULY 10TH EXPLORING THE HOPELESSNESS OF ABRAHAM IN GOD'S HOPE

READ Romans 4:18 "[For Abraham, human reason for] hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised, So [numberless] shall your descendants be."

In the *King James' Version,* Abraham was said to have hoped against hope. This is what is entered here as Abraham when all reasons for hoping humanly were gone, he hoped in the Faith meaning he was able to see through the eyes of his Faith in the Lord what the Lord had promised him and what his physical eyes and senses could never have seen. This is the crux of the whole issue. Matters of faith are essentially spiritual and divine. Thus, how much faith you have in the Lord depends on how much you have given yourself to the Lord or how much you have allowed the Lord to come into you and live within you. Growth in the Lord is very necessary and important. God will never force growth in anybody. We must all eat His Flesh and drink His Blood daily in appropriate portion so as to grow properly. One who is grown in the Lord through experiential development cannot but believe all that comes out of the Lord whether through His prophets or through other means. This was what happened in the case of Abraham. Thus when he refused to hearken to Sarah's voice to send the slave boy and the mother away, the moment God ordered him so to do, he acquiesced immediately not thinking what fate awaited them but submitted to the will of God. The same was his attitude when ordered to kill Isaac believing that God was able to raise him back to life. Do have this faith in the Lord? You must and now too.

PRAY God is growing in you as you grow in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 41-42; Acts of the Apostles 16:22-40

JULY 11TH SATISFACTION IN GOD'S ABILITY TO DO AS HE HAS PROMISED

READ Romans 4:21 "Fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised."

You wonder how Abraham came into this hope or faithing in the righteousness of the Lord? Here is the answer. Having worked and walked with and in God in all diligence and given the grace of God upon his life, he was fully satisfied, meaning he was absolutely sure and assured at the same time that God of the heavens Who changes not had the ability to do as He had promised. More than this, He had the power and might and was prepared to fulfill His promises. In other words, God would always keep His Words. This is a truism that he put into practice in applying same to himself. As a result his faith and trust in God was kept alive all through as he could not think of God ever going back on His Word for lack of ability and or willingness to continue. You may need to be reminded that the Lord God we serve, changes not at all. He is always the same all the time. His nature cannot accommodate unfaithfulness either on His side or on the side of His adherents. Knowing this, coupled with the knowledge that all things are possible for and with Him since He is the Lord of all possibilities in creation, Abraham was able to take his eyes off his aging body and was focused on the unaging God Who is God and Lord of all. You too can do likewise. You lose nothing in so doing. You are blessed in Him permanently, amen.

PRAY you are ever assured in His unchanging assurance

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 1-3; Acts of the Apostles 17:1-15

JULY 12TH ORDAINED BETRAYAL AS A WAY TO DIVINE PROPITIATION IN CHRIST JESUS

READ Romans 4:25 "Who was betrayed and put to death because of our misdeeds and was raised to secure our justification (our acquittal), [making our account balance and absolving us from all guilt before God]."

Perhaps you have been wondering sometimes as I am why it was possible for Judas Iscariot to betray his Lord and Master that easy. Or maybe you have wondered why some things come your way with the full knowledge of the Almighty while you consistently trust and abide in Him. The answer is most simple, and easily deciphered if we allow the Holy Ghost to minister to us as Inscriptured. Scripture notes in Isaiah 53 that it pleased the Father Who is Lord and God Almighty to bruise Jesus Christ. He had made Him Jesus Who knew no sin to be sin for us all. Put another way, it was as much as in the mind and purpose of God for Jesus to be so betrayed. Once He God had so decided, it was most easy for any who will be that used in dishonor to succeed. In other words, whatever God does not decree or permit through His permissive will cannot see the light of the day. Once He has given His consent, it is made so easy. This was the case in the life of Job. For Satan could not touch all that was Job's without the approval of the Almighty. Once the permit was given, Satan was a success in this way. You are blessed most highly in the Lord God amen.

PRAY you are in the mind of the Almighty or rather you have His mind on all things

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 4-6; Acts of the Apostles 17: 16-34

JULY 13TH TAKING A CUP, GIVING THANKS, AND GIVING IT OUT

READ Matthew 26:27 "And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you."

We want to reenact the process of what today is commonly called the Holy Communion. We have to look at the extra circumstantial details. By this I mean the situation that led to this. Christ Jesus was about to be betrayed by His apostle and was to be crucified for the sins of the entire world. His mood to say the least was sorrowful as He Himself confessed to the apostles; even sorrowful to the point of death. In this condition He informed them one of them would betray Him; even one who dipped his hands into the same cup as His. In this condition then He took the cup of wine, a symbol of common brotherhood, and with the wine of fellowship in it, He blessed and gave thanks to God the Father. Giving thanks is what draws my attention here. Thanking God for what? He was thanking God for all that had became Him and more important what was fast approaching then. He blamed not God nor was He resentful of anything, and I mean everything. Rather, He shared the cup of fellowship with them all Judas inclusive and made sure all partook of same. In all honesty, I don't trust myself I can now share the communion with such a person as Judas Iscariot even after knowing him through the Father. But Christ did just this and more than this thanked His Father for all that was His and would be His in the purposive will of the Father. Father Lord God just make me like Jesus Christ your Son in your all. Amen.

PRAY you will know the mystery of thanking the Father God effectually always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 7-9; Acts of the Apostles 18

JULY 14TH REEXAMINING THE MOCKERY OF JESUS CHRIST THE LORD GOD

READ Matthew 27:29 "And, weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on His head and put a reed (staff) in His hand. And kneeling before Him, they made sport of Him, saying, Hail (greetings, good health to You, long life to You), King of the Jews."

I have to confess that until I watched part of the movie *The Suffering of the Christ,* or rather read the review of same in the *Time* magazine, it never occurred to me Jesus actually suffered any pain. I mean I never imagined until then He felt the pains like every normal human being. Never ask me why I was so insensitive to His plight. It was just that I never imagined He felt the pain. And I am sorry really and deeply for this. Thereafter, I took the pain to imagine what He had felt. A crown of thorns, or pricks rather as it was called! Other versions call it goad which was like an inch nail long and that hard. I can bet those who weaved same had their arms and fingers pierced. Yet the whole lot was put on His head and forced downwards. So you can imagine the blood that was forcefully and painfully pressed out of Him. As if this was not enough pains for a man, if as they perceived Him He was just an ordinary man, they went ahead to give him a false staff of prophetic office kneeling down to do Him obeisance. In some other Gospel He was hit in the head and having been slapped when He must be seeing stars, they asked Him to prophecy who slapped Him. All these for my sins as well as for yours! What is more, it is here recorded that they made a sport of Him meaning He became their laughing stock even they for whom He was dying! And He opened not His mouth to raze abuses and curses upon them. Lord make me like Jesus perfect finish I pray once more today.

PRAY you will appreciate and acknowledge His sufferings for you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 10-12; Acts of the Apostles 19:1-20

JULY 15TH DOES GOD EVER REJECT HIS OWN?

READ Psalms 60:1 "O God, You have rejected us and cast us off, broken down [our defenses], and scattered us; You have been angry-O restore us and turn Yourself to us again!

Yes! God does reject His own. No! God never rejects His own. So how do we solve this seeming impasse or resolve same. As regards God's unchangeability, His immutability really, God is constant and faithful. He does not change. His character is immutable. But His attitude changes with situation and prevailing circumstance. God can reject His own if and when His own persistently rejects Him. If God's own people called after His name will habitually turn their minds against His declared will, He has an obligation to turn against them. This He had done severally and will yet do severally if and only if the conditions warrant it. In this is He a Just and Righteous God when He doesn't refuse to punish the sinner justifiably whoever he is; and when He rewards the obedient never minding where he comes from. Right from creation, this has been so as He punished the Adams and reversed their immorality to mortality. They were to be alive forever and ever. But that is presently not the case. When Israel was introduced to His covenant in Sinai and or Horeb, He proved Himself faithful as He stood by them destroying all their enemies. But when they rebelled against Him they found Him their worst enemy. I pray you never have God for an enemy. Remain blessed in Him perpetual. Amen.

PRAY you are alive in Him and in Him alone always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 13-15; Acts of the Apostles 19:21-41

JULY 16TH PROLONGING THE KING'S LIFE FROM NOW UNTIL ETERNITY

READ Psalm 61:6 "May You prolong the [true] King's life [adding days upon days], and may His years be to the last generation [of this world and the generations of the world to come]."

Ordinarily, we would have thought this refers to any or a particular king of this earth whether in the past, the present, or in the future. But a close look shows that this is talking of the Lord the King of all ages. This accounts for why this version of the Bible represents it in capital letters. But how does God Almighty prolong the King's life from this generation to those in eternity? The only way to do this in the literal sense is to continue to prolong the Message of the Reigning king whom we do not see now but Who sees us all. And all experiential facts point to this development. Christ died with about 120 disciples. None of them is living today. Yet there are millions and indeed billions of people staying glue to the Faith that is Christ today. Only heavens know how many more will join the commonwealth of the Savior. As a king in your own righteous being in Christ, the Lord can and does prolong your life from now until eternity as you live for Him here and live a legacy of faithfulness the same that is watered by the fruit of righteousness that will see you eternally relevant. These are the few ways we are led to minister to you today. May you be blessed in the Lord forever more, amen.

PRAY you are okay in the power of the Most High God always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 16-17; Acts of the Apostles 20:1-16

JULY 17TH WAITING IN SILENCE FOR GOD ALONE OR WHAT?

READ Psalm 62:1 "FOR GOD alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation."

As a matter of divine truth, waiting on God is more of a thing of the mind. It is perfected only because one is as strong as one's faith in the Lord. Sharing your thoughts in waiting can be burdensome as those to whom you bear your mind are not likely to feel the same way you feel. As a result, one's burden in waiting is compounded. But if and when one waits on the Lord silently in the quietness of one's inner being, one is likely to receive more strength to power one's spiritual being in the Faith. Christ Jesus exhibited this much while He pilgrimaged this earth. He was unequalled. As a result, He couldn't consult anyone about His many nagging problems. Rather, He would go up the Hills alone and communed with His Father not just communicating with Him. And in this He received strength severally for His sojourn here the same that was His missions. We are to emulate this soul searching and soul building spiritual tactics as we journey in the Lord. No doubt moments of concern; moments of anxiety are bound to surface. We may have no hands in their coming on. But definitely we have a lot of say in our response to these varying and various challenges of life even in the Faith. Silence is a very powerful tool in the hands of the knowing believer. Employ this today and always, amen.

PRAY your way through your waiting

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 18-19; Acts of the Apostles 20:17-38

JULY 18TH KNOWING YOUR ONLY ROCK, SALVATION, DEFENSE, AND REFUGE

READ Psalm 62:2 "He only is my Rock and my Salvation, my Defense and my Fortress, I shall not be greatly moved."

The symbolism Rock represents perhaps the best we can link our God with in its immovability and permanence. Yet, this does not well represent our God enough. For once, the Rock can be broken down with dynamites as used in the quarry and warfare. Secondly, there are eruptions in the Mount in which lavas are let off and the rock gradually diminishes. Our God is more than the Rock of Gibraltar. He never changes and never fails. But in our own world where we are short of appropriate words to describe the indescribable Lord of Hosts, we take Him as our only Rock. Hence the Rock of Ages. Next He is also our Salvation in all its inclusive word as deliverance, freedom from captivity, propitiation, and other appropriate words that time will not let us list here. So not only are we saved from eternal perdition, more than this or rather in addition to this, we have our freedom from captivity of all sorts whether physical or otherwise. We also see our Rock of Ages as our Defense against all incursions wherever they may emerge from as well as our only effective instrument of Offense. Our God of all ages past as well as ages future is also our Fortress, a Shield against all attacks from the enemy of our soul as well as the local ones. Why not give your life to Him today anew and see wondrous works of His coming to fruition in your life!

PRAY you will allow the Lord God to lord over your all

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 20-22; Acts of the Apostles 21:1-17

JULY 19TH EXTOLLING THE IMPENETRABLENESS OF THE LORD GOD

READ Psalm 62:7 "With God rests my salvation and my glory; He is my Rock of unyielding strength and impenetrable hardness, my refuge is in God."

To extol is to lift high if we want to borrow the register of the religious. We lift God high in our praises and our all when we give Him the Glory that belongs to Him as opposed to all others. For this, we know quite well that our God is good. As a result, listing His blessings in our lives is not just a routine but a necessity that reminds us of His goodness over us and all that is ours. I have been awake today hale and hearty and God has ensured that there is no earthquake or tsunami in our part of the world. It is not that we despise those who experience this much. No. That is not the issue. The point is we have to appreciate God's goodness upon our lives on a daily basis if we must abide in Him to the end. He is our Fortress and our Refuge. In Him we find the needed comfort and safety found nowhere else. In Him I am most confident of my today, my yesterday, as well as my tomorrow. No one compares to God, no, not in the entire universe. He is the I am that I am meaning He will be What He wants to be; Where He wants to be it; and do all that He will do anywhere any time. To Him alone be glory now and forever more, amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are extolling the name of the Lord most High even in your closet

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 23-25; Acts of the Apostles 21:18-40

JULY 20TH HEARING GOD ONCE HE HAS SPOKEN AND OBEYING TOTALLY

READ Psalm 62:11 "God has spoken once, twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God."

I have had the grace of the Almighty as a teacher of the Word in His power to have ministered to saints of His on this Scriptural piece on a number of times. I am not particular about the truth that power belongs to God. Any who does not know this by now is a nincompoop. God alone

raises up and brings down. He kills and brings back to life. No one anywhere in the world is able to achieve and appropriate anything except the same is given to him or her from heaven first and foremost and at the appointed time and place. But hearing God speaks involves a lot of commitment, expectation, and diligence. With strong determination to follow the Lord God and wait on Him as one dots on one truly loved and desired, we shall hear Him speak. Samuel was naïve and young; indeed, he was ignorant, hence God spoke to him three times and the fourth before he could gather Himself. That is not the case now for you and I who have the abundance of His Grace as never before. Once He speaks, it is my obligation to hear Him perfectly and allow same to resonate in my heart forever and ever. This is the message for you today. Alleluia.

PRAY you will put up with the Lord of hosts always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 26-28; Acts of the Apostles 22

JULY 21ST KNOWING THE MOUTH OF THE KING SHOULD NOT TRANSGRESS

READ Proverbs 16:10 "Divinely directed decisions are on the lips of the king; his mouth should not transgress in judgment."

Literally, this Scriptural piece was likely penned down by Solomon the wise and the King over Israel. He knew and he should know that the King being an earthly representative of the Lord over His people should always speak as the oracles of the Almighty. As a result, he must not only be just in his judgments but must also be seen so to do such that God Whom he represents can always be elevated and honored in all his actions. Where the King who represents God Almighty defaults in this, he has committed not just a sin, but indeed, an abomination unheard of in the annals of men. It is this serious. But are you aware that you are the Lord's King over His domain kept under your care-whether your home, office, or congregation? Are you keeping righteousness in all you do and refuse to do? Are you allowing Him, Who puts you there to divinely direct all your decisions? Are you aware that you yourself must actually and ultimately give an account of all that you do whether righteously or otherwise? Let the fear of God direct your footsteps always. You are blessed most affectionately in Him always.

PRAY you are a responsible representative of the heavenly King in all you do

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 29-30; Acts of the Apostles 23:1-15

JULY 22ND GRASPING THE TRUTH OF HAVING HIS PEACE OF RECONCILIATION

READ Romans 5:1 "THEREFORE, SINCE we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us [grasp the fact that we] have [the peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)."

When Christ was leaving this earth, He left for us all who will believe in Him and abide in His Faith, His Peace, not just the peace of the world. As a matter of divine truth, He distinguished His own Peace from that of the world therefore He urged us all to let our minds be at rest as not to be confounded. I am sure all of us know this much. What we may not well know is the truth that once accepted into the commonwealth of Christ Jesus, regardless of our level of faith or even faithlessness; as long as we have accepted Jesus truly as our personal Lord and Savior, we

are at peace with Him. There is therefore no condemnation any more for us. We are already acquitted by the heavenly Cord and adjudged guiltless by Jesus Himself Who is the Judge and Lord of all. Yes! We would still sin although not as a habit any more. Once we sin, there is the divine provision for us to come back into His Peace through confession of our sin and we are restored totally. There may be the inevitable consequences of our sin. But this will never and cannot vitiate our salvation and preservation in the Lord. Our salvation as long as we remain in Him is assured and is in fact a settled transaction; hence our seal of Faith the same that is the Holy Spirit. We should however worry if we become renegade of the Gospel. Until then we are saved in His Grace. Alleluia.

PRAY you are truly aware of your rights and privileges in the Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 31-32; Acts of the Apostles 23: 16-35

JULY 23RD EXULTING AND JOYING ALWAYS IN THE PEACE OF THE LORD GOD

READ Romans 5:3 "Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!] Let us exult and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving endurance."

Further to our discussions of yesterday, we know that God in His faithfulness has ensured the best for all His creatures particularly His faithful. If while we were yet in enmity with Him He preserved and kept us, how much more would He take care of us now in our being reconciled to Him? Put another way, when we were not reconciled to Him, He gave us rain and sun with oxygen needed for our survival. He protected our skins from the harsh weather by not just taking care of us but also endowing us with the brain needed to take control of the situation and any and all situations really. How much more do you think He is committed to doing now that we are fully reconciled to Him? The point is nothing that is not needed will the Lord God allow into our lives. If we are to face trials and tribulations we are to know that they are needed for our living righteously and fulfilling our mission in His overall mission of salvaging the world. Christ Jesus was bruised and crucified righteously. It wasn't palatable to His flesh but He went the whole hug because it was necessary. More than this, He trusted His Father for making the Perfect Judgment always. We too should emulate Him as we entrust our all to the Living Lord and joy in Him not in our situations whether positive or negative; but knowing that all He can and does is for our good. Amen.

PRAY you are able to exult His Joyful Peace all the time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms33-34; Acts of the Apostles 24

JULY 24TH APPRECIATING THE LOVE OF GOD POURED IN US THROUGH HIS SPIRIT

READ Romans 5:5 "Such hope never disappoints or deludes or shames us, for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us."

We had talked of the exemplary display and manifestation of the Love of God in our hearts the same that necessitated His reconciliation to us in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. One more thing or rather truth we need to elaborate upon is that the hope and trust in God and all that pertains to the Almighty never fail. There is no issue of failure or the inability to perform as promised in and with God. God if we are aware of the full meaning and significance of this in our sinful nature and state would have taught us that He cannot fail at all. Otherwise He is no longer God. The prophet and priest Samuel did note that God is not man that will lie or the son of man that He should deceive. Faithfulness in the divine which transcends that of the earthly is the feature of the Almighty. Whatsoever He has promised is considered done already. For instance He promised Sarah in specifics that according to the time of life, the same that is nature, He God in Christ would return to her and she would be with a son. She was ninety years old then with a womb the Bible describes as good as dead. God was aware of this and yet, it was fulfilled as promised. Before then He had never been specific as to when Abraham and by implication Sarah would be with a child. What is bothering you brethren? God is in control. He does not lie. Those who do, do so for a purpose-either to cover up their path or to delude. God needs nothing from us. So the need to lie can never be there with Him. Just believe Him in your heart and await His timing and you are blessed as never before amen.

PRAY you know God Almighty enough while here

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 35-36; Acts of the Apostles 25

JULY 25TH SEEING SIN AS THE STING OF DEATH AND THE LAW AS THE POWER OF SIN

READ Romans 5:13 "[To be sure] sin was in the world before the Law was given, but sin is not charged to men's account where there is no law [to transgress]."

We start today's ministration by noting that before the giving of the Law of Moses or even the law in general, there had been sin and sinning only that sin was not counted to anybody because there was no law to be transgressed. For instance, even before the Law given to the Adams in Eden there had been sin and sinning both in the heavenly as well as in the earth. For instance Ezekiel 27:13ff notes that Satan had been in the first Eden where he sinned with the inhabitants of the world then. Revelations 12:7ff also talks of the war in heaven. This was long before the creation of the Adams in what we call the second Eden if we really take the contents of Scripture truly. When Cain killed his brother Abel you will discover that he was not killed but was only cursed by the Lord largely because there was no law against murder by then. The point is sin had always been there before the Law but was never credited to any because no law was transgressed. The point is the Law that was given was given to make the sinfulness of sin more evident to the sinning man with the aim to driving him to His Maker Who alone can assuage the pains of sin. Of a truth, sin is the sting of death, meaning the pains thereof, while the Law empowers sin to be effective in the life of the man made in the image of the Lord God.

PRAY you are miles apart from the sting of death the same that is sin

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 37-39; Acts of the Apostles 26

JULY 26TH ONE MAN'S SIN EQUALS DEATH; ANOTHER MAN'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS LIFE TO ALL

READ Romans 5:17 "For it is because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)."

The truth of God must be told as recorded. Christ Jesus came into the world to die for sinners for which you and I are prime members. But why the need to die for you and me? What sin or sins did we commit? The sin we committed was the sin Adam committed in listening to the voice of his wife as against the commandment of God and eating the forbidden fruit. Thus, we all died in Adam by inheritance. This means all who are born of man are liable to dying until God in His mercies will make an end of both death and Hades the abode of the dead at the fullness of time. We note therefore that death came into life as a result of the sin of one man. All are condemned in one man's intransigence. By the same token, in the death of Jesus Christ the Lord and Savior, life eternal and in abundance is given to all mankind who will faith in the finished works of the Savior on the Cross some two thousand years ago. Thus, just as death came in through one man, even in Adam, Life perpetual becomes the inheritance of all through the vicarious sacrifice of another Man the Lord Jesus Christ the Nazarene. For this we glory in the mercifulness and loving-kindness of the Godhead Who so much love us as to give us of Their Glory in Life and Living. Alleluia.

PRAY you are ably informed about the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms40-42; Acts of the Apostles 27:1-26

JULY 27TH KNOWING THAT ONE MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE IS ERAZED BY ONE MAN'S ETERNAL OBEDIENCE

READ Romans 5:19 "For just by one man's disobedience (failing to hear, heedlessness, and carelessness) the many were constituted sinners, so by one Man's obedience the many will be constituted righteous (made acceptable to God, brought into right standing with Him)."

The disobedience of Adam is here presented truly as heedlessness, failing to hear which is failure per se, and carelessness. Let us examine each of these in some details. First is heedlessness. This is the opposite of heeding the same which is the failure to hearken to instruction. Thus, failure in this context is the inability to do as commanded. If one is lacking in the required ability to do as commanded, maybe we should be looking at the way of empowering one to be heedful. Next comes the word carelessness the same which is not caring enough or at all. Whichever way we want to characterize it, sin is carelessness in the sense of refusal to do that which is needful. If one were to be careful enough or caring at all, it follows

therefore that there may be no transgression at all. So how can we be caring to say the least? This we would do if we are so enabled by the One Who alone can and does care-the Lord God Almighty. In passing, we have examined failure as the lack of anything. In conclusion we see that man needs the enablement of Him Who alone cares enough, heeds enough, and hears enough to be Righteous in the sight of the Most High God. We can access Him through faithing in Him and in Him alone. Amen.

PRAY you are not failing in any area except in sinning

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 43-45; Acts of the Apostles 27:27-44

JULY 28TH WHERE SIN INCREASES GRACE SUPERABOUNDS THE MORE

READ Romans 5:20 "But then Law came in, [only] to expand and increase the trespass [making it more apparent and exciting opposition]. But where sin increased and abounded, grace (God's unmerited favor) has surpassed it and increased the more and superabounded."

The beauty of the truth of the Gospel is this-that Christ Jesus has come to give Himself to the world entirely and totally such that nothing can be done to vitiate His propitiation for mankind. Accordingly where sin in the power of Satan abounds and increases, the Grace of God is superabundantly increased to meet with the growing tendency of sin and to drown same in the mighty ever-flowing but increasingly surging Blood of the Lamb that cannot ever be extinguished. This is the purview of today's Scriptural piece. This is the truth that Christ Jesus has finished all propitiation on His Cross at Calvary even before the foundation of the world. And therefore nothing and absolutely nothing can thwart that which has been completed and finished to the satisfaction of the Lord God. If any will come to the Lord God not minding the gravity and depravity of the sin committed, the Ever-flowing and Ever-Increasing Stream of the Blood of the Savior is enough to dwarf all attacks of the enemy. So do not be dismayed by the daunting foe of sin and sinning. In Christ Jesus they have already met their waterloo and you are cleansed of all impurity and unrighteousness. Rejoice in the sanctifying blood of the Lamb therefore. Alleluia, amen.

PRAY you have at least a glimpse of the nature and nurture of the Precious Blood of the Lamb

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 46-48; Acts of the Apostles 28

JULY 29TH THOUGH CHRIST JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED IN WEAKNESS HE LIVES ON IN THE POWER OF GOD

READ 2 Corinthians 13:4 "For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He goes on living by the power of God. And although we too are weak in Him [as He was humanly weak], yet in dealing with you [we shall show ourselves] alive and strong in [fellowship with] Him by the power of God."

The mystery of the Cross of Christ and the entire vicarious sacrifice of the Son of God is a rich area of exploration in the study and development of the Theological issues of our time. Particularly I find this area rich and intriguing that God was in Christ as He hung Himself on the Cross for the sin of man that man being His delight might permanently so abide in Him amen. Today's Scriptural piece makes a good and rich fertile ground for discussion. What and how do I mean? By this is meant that Christ or God in Christ the Strength of all creation was Himself crucified weak on the Cross; otherwise who would have ventured to kill Him at all. But God has shown His mysterious nature that though He was and as much is still God, yet then He was crucified weak in the flesh that He may come up in resurrection more powerfully and more blessed that we who are humanly and by nature may put on the power of the Almighty in our weak and frail nature and so attain for Him or rather to attain for Himself in our weak vessel that which we would not ordinarily have attained. Glory is God in the highest heaven. We conclude therefore that we would attain for God all He has programmed for us in His power in our weak nature. Not by power or by might, but simply and truly by His power.

PRAY you realize all works in you to achieve for Himself all that He had purposed

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 49-50; Romans 1

JULY 30TH RECOGNIZING THE BLESSEDNESS OF GOD THE FATHER OF JESUS CHRIST

READ 2 Corinthians 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of sympathy (pity and mercy) and the God [Who is the Source] of every comfort (consolation and encouragement)."

We have been informed that blessing the Lord God is not the same as receiving blessings from Him. Contrary to this, blessing God is praising Him and lifting Him high. It is the same thing as accepting and acknowledging His might and power and exalting His might over us on a daily basis. We need to bless Him in our own interest. Whether we bless Him or not, His worth and honor diminish not. No. His Being is never affected by even our blessing of Him not to talk of not blessing Him. But on our part and for our own being, when we bless Him continually from the truth of and in our hearts, we confirm our faith and hope in Him and by so doing we reignite our foundation of trust in Him and we are rejuvenated. Herein is the Scriptural piece most relevant. First we are told and we see that the Lord is the Father and Head of Jesus Christ. Secondly, we are informed as if for the first time that He is the Father of all comfort, after all He Himself is the First Comforter, the Son being the Second while the Holy Spirit completes the trio. So we are assured that whatever we are going through or whatever we are allowed to experience, we are assured of His Comfort the Same that is Himself. As a result, we receive strength, His Strength really in times of trouble and torment. We are this assured, amen.

PRAY you are made His comfort for yourself and for others as well

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 51-52; Romans 2

JULY 31st KNOWING WHY YOU ARE COMFORTED BY THE COMFORTER HIMSELF

READ 2 Corinthians 1:4 "Who comforts (consoles and encourages) us in every trouble (calamity and affliction), so that we may also be able to comfort (console and encourage) those who are in any kind of trouble or distress, with the comfort (consolation and encouragement) with which we ourselves are comforted (consoled and encouraged) by God."

Comfort as here characterized is consolation. But there would not be any need for consolation if there is no occurrence of distress, trials, tribulations and or disasters. In other words, the very truth that the Trinity are the Comforters smacks of the imminence of trouble. But we need not worry at all or be anxious as He who allows disasters in our lives has already healed same and we are the better for it. The raw gold is of no use or of any good until passed through fire where the dross is separated from the real gold. In the same manner, one reason of passing us through the fire of tribulation and distresses is for us to be purified in His righteousness. Over and above this, He has made arrangement to assuage our discomfort with the comfort with which we are comforted. In addition we are thus enabled and quipped to offer comfort the likes of which we have received from Him to others who would be in need of similar if not identical comfort. Hence the need of our going through the eyes of tribulation. It is not necessarily for our sins or what we may want to proffer as human beings. Let this gladden your hearts in moments of distress. The Lord is God, amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in His knowledge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 54-56; Romans 3

AUGUST 1ST SAFETY IN LEANING, TRUSTING, AND PUTTING CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD

READ Proverbs 29:25 "The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever leans on, trusts in, and puts his confidence in the Lord is safe and set on high."

Today's witty and wisdom speech of the Lord is very simple and most easy to comprehend if one is in the Lord from the height of one's faith in Him. One cannot trust oneself let alone others. No one is trust worthy in the real sense. Even the ground on which we tread is not trust worthy hence we have landslides and in some cases earthquakes. So what and who can be trusted? To the informed where such refers to those who trusts in the Lord, only a complete leaning of the self on the power and might of the Lord is the solution. Why? It is because apart from creating us, God is unchanging, consistent, and most faithful. While we live and die and all that is ours in terms of aspirations, goals and all others wane away and perish, the Lord remains and constant and what is more ever faithful to His course. In this regards, any who reposes trust in man will be ensnared as failure awaits him or her. But putting one's own leaning on the Lord of the heavens is the guarantee one needs to be safe and set on high in conformity with the revealed wills and purpose of God for one. Alleluia if you come into this truth today and there abide.

PRAY you are knowledgeable and firmly abide therein

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 57-59; Romans 4

AUGUST 2ND AWAITING JUSTICE FROM ON HIGH

READ Proverbs 29:26 "Many crave and seek the ruler's favor, but the wise man [waits] for justice from the Lord."

Contrary to what people do all over the world including of course the saved, one should not seek favor or crawl for favor from those in positions of authority. For one, it is not righteous for the believer to want to influence things in his or her favor against the normal norm and protocol. It does not enhance the name of the Lord upon us neither does it show us as true followers of the Word. What we need do is to actually follow the protocol and thereafter seek God's intervention. You tell me who was Mordecai to trust in or lean on when Haman was plotting his untimely death? Or who was Esther to lean upon when her very husband had decreed her death and that of her people? But both got their acts right by leaning their complete beings on the Lord God Who alone does all things. Mordecai never had the opportunity of knowing his gallows had been fixed. Yet God Who saw all saw him through. Esther called upon the name of the Lord in prayer and fasting and saw the glory of the Lord as she broke all protocols and went in to the Emperor who doubled as her husband and she had the favor of the Lord. So why not lean the whole of your personality on Him Who alone is able and willing today and always!

PRAY you are able and abundantly able to be in the Lord as required

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 60-62; Romans 5

AUGUST 3RD DISCERNING THE DOUBLE ABOMINATION

READ Proverbs 29:27 "An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous, and he who is upright in the way [of the Lord] is an abomination to the wicked."

By double abomination here is meant the too different and opposing views of the Biblical word abomination. First we see what abomination truly is from the perspective of the righteous. But what is an abomination or how do we characterize this biblical register? By abomination is meant an extremely vexatious transgression of the Law of God. It is not just a transgression; but more than this an extremely vexatious one really. For instance, while sleeping with another man's wife is sinful in the ordinary sense of it, sleeping with one's mother or sister is extremely sinful, hence an abomination. In this wise, one who is unjust, that is one who is unrighteous to the righteous person who seeks to please the Lord God is an abomination. He is not just sinful but is vexatiously sinful. From the perspective of the unrighteous, the righteous is an extremist who shows off and who will not allow sleeping dogs to lie. He is one who flaunts his belief in the face of others and tries to control their lives and living. As far as the unrighteous is concerned, the righteous is vexatious and therefore an abomination. This is the sense in which the

expression is put to use in this Scriptural piece. But we stick to the righteous use of the word in which the unrighteous and all he represents is truly abominable.

PRAY you are in the right way of the righteous always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 63-65; Romans 6

AUGUST 4TH REVISITING THE DOCTRINE OF IMPUTATION

READ Romans 4:4 "Now to a laborer, his wages are not counted as a favor or a gift, but as an obligation (something owed to him)."

By definition and in the theological sense really, imputation has to do with the crediting of someone with the reward of righteousness purely on the merit of the finished works of salvation of Christ on the Cross at Calvary. This definition overlooks the negative aspect of imputation which is the exact opposite. By this we mean the crediting of someone with the reward of unrighteousness regardless of his own personal input purely because of lacking in the Grace of the Lord God in one form or the other. The exercise of imputation is strictly speaking the prerogative of God and if God His chosen anointed as well. By this we see Christ Jesus Who couldn't have known sin credited with the sins of the entire world, nay the universe because it was and still is the will of His Father so to do. By the same token, Haman was righteously credited with attempted rape of Queen Esther when in the actual truth of the word he meant to beg for his life. But because he had been consistently anti-God and anti-Jews God allowed this to happen and he was executed outright. Our concern however is the crediting of God's righteousness in Christ Jesus to all who will believe regardless of what we have done in the past or could still do in the future. For this and other fallouts from this, we owe God Almighty our all.

PRAY you are most knowledgeable in the workings of the Almighty God always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 66-67; Romans 7

AUGUST 5TH ONE EVIL IMPLICATION OF WORSHIPPING THE FALSE GOD

READ Jeremiah 11:12 "Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry out to the gods to whom they offer incense, but they cannot save them in the time of their evil trouble."

The very essence of worshipping God of the heavens is to save one all the time and everywhere. It is not just a matter of divine salvation alone but safety from all threats wherever they may show up their ugly faces. Where anyone goes on to worship any manmade god in place of the living God and he finds himself or herself in a straight and his idol god is totally powerless to assist him or her, the very essence of worshipping a god for that matter is impinged. This is where the Scripture of today finds fulfillment. Israel worshipped the vain god in the hope that she was worshipping the god who took her out of bondage. So when evil was to befall her, there was no way she would be saved from the impending calamity because the idol gods she

worshipped never ever saved her from the terrorizing Pharaoh. Rather the Living God saved her and sustained her in the wilderness journey despite her consistent rebellion against Him. Today, if any would behave in like manner, he or she will have the same fate awaiting him or her. So why worship the false god when the True and Living God is most available and nearby? You have been warned.

PRAY you will never more be deceived in your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 68-69; Romans 8:1-21

AUGUST 6TH TEACHING AND FOREVER TEACHING CHRIST TO THE SELF AND TO ALL OTHERS

READ Matthew 28:20 "Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and, behold, I am with you all the days (perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion), to the [very] close and consummation of the age. Amen (so let it be)."

One major function that Christ gives to all believing saints who will listen to Him and thereby abide in Him to the end is the teaching ministry. It is not as if Christ overlooked the requirements of the teaching ministry which is continual and continuous reading and studying to shore up the self and to be ably capable of the teaching ministry. What He does implicitly is for all of us to continue to learn from Him always and wherever both consciously and unconsciously; both formally and informally as well as non-formally such that we can show ourselves as workers rightly dividing the Word of Peace who is not ashamed as we are already informed and prepared. To teach a convert presupposes the knowledge of exactly what Christ Jesus came to teach in the world. We are to continually refereshen our knowledge of this as we also acquire more knowledge in the power of the Holy Ghost. By implication what this means is for all of us faithful to be perpetual scholars. How well are you doing in this aspect apart from just going to church every other day and singing and dancing and sometimes listening to sermons. We are to be perpetual scholars and teachers who are well informed at the same time. Fortunately our supervisor is God Himself. He is the Lord as well as our Principal to whom we must show our lesson notes every week for vetting. Are you ready? Please be most ready.

PRAY you are ready for eternal scholarship in Christ Jesus

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 70-71; Romans 8:22-39

AGUST 7TH WHEN OUR FRIEND LAZARUS IS AT REST AND NEEDS REAWAKENING

READ John 11:12 "He said these things and then added, Our friend Lazarus is at rest and sleeping; but I am going there that I may awaken him out of his sleep."

Lazarus in today's ministration needs not be any person outside of your person or being. He could very well be yourself or part thereof. What is important is that a segment of your spiritual being is taking a rest allowed by God for whatever reason and the need is there for the reawakening of that part of your being from the permitted sleep. Permitted in the sense that

nothing happens in the universe without the express decree of the Almighty or His permission. In this case we need to refereshen our knowledge of the story of Lazarus. He was sick which was not authored by the Almighty but which was no doubt permitted by Him so as to showcase His power over death and Hades. So Christ stayed behind for another four days when an SOS was sent to Him. Finally, He announced that the permitted time and scenery was over as He was going to disturb the rest of the sleeping and almost forgotten Lazarus and in the grave. Are you buried already? I guess you are not otherwise you will not be reading this. Is your destiny buried by the enemy or through your inaction and laziness? Are your spiritual talents made latent for whatever reason? The Lord God Himself says it is over with all these sleeping sicknesses and you are awakened from the slumber to sleep no more, alleluia.

PRAY you will allow God in Christ to awaken you from your sleep of death

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 72-73; Romans 9:1-15

AUGUST 8TH WHEN HOUSES AND FIELDS SHALL BE PURCHASED AGAIN IN YOUR DESERT

READ Jeremiah 32:15 "For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields shall again be purchased yet again in this land."

Sometimes in our spiritual sojourn and journeying, we misbehave like spoilt children that we are in the Grace that is Jesus Christ. At times like this, God is under obligation to scold us such that we may be awakened from our stupor. There are a number of ways He does this at any given time and with the specifics of the person involved. Whatever means He chooses, the point is not to permanently close His compassionate eyes on us or to leave us for the enemy to overcome. No. His intention is to withdraw some of the abundance that are causing our misbehavior with a view to calling us into reason. Once this is achieved, He restores us all into our original estate. This is the crux of today's ministration. Israel was to go into captivity for seventy years. The normal expectation was to feel it was the end for God's chosen. But that was not to be as God promised even before the fulfillment of the captivity that restoration was imminent after the punishment period. So why are you destitute and disillusioned? Our God is a covenant keeping God. His mercifulness knows no end and His compassion renewed every morning. Don't give up on yourself. This period of desertification shall be over. Indeed, it is over and it is restoration time for you and me as well as all faithful. Let this gladden your mind.

PRAY you are made strong in the Faith that is Christ Jesus

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 74-76; Romans 9:16-33

AUGUST 9TH WHEN GOD IS BEGINNING TO SCATTER YOUR ENEMIES

READ Psalm 68:1 "GOD IS [already] beginning to arise, and His enemies to scatter; let them also who hate Him flee before Him!"

This version of His Word is quite interesting in its rendering. It says God is already beginning to arise, and His enemies to scatter. You want to ask what has He been doing before now that He is just beginning to arise. Before now what position was He? Wasn't He aware of the impediments the enemies constitute both to His faithful as well as to Himself? Why is He just arising now and not before? Perhaps we need to ask where was He when Jesus Christ His beloved Son was hanging on the Roman Cross? More importantly, when He the Son called on Him and lamented His obvious neglect by the Father, why was He latent and did nothing? All these questions have the same answer. God is never taken unawares for He alone in His godliness is over all and is answerable to none, not even to Himself. But He programs Himself as well as all He does. Hence the writer of Ecclesiastes in chapter 3ff notes that for everything under the sun there is a season. In addition to this, there is a purpose for everything and everybody God has created. This purpose is the course of every individual. If it is in His purpose for you to be defeated by the enemy as in the case of Christ on the cross of the Romans, there is nothing He can do and Indeed, He would do all things to make it come to pass. This is God for you. He has not arisen before now because it was not time for Him so to do. Besides, there is a good reason for allowing you to go through all that you will ever go through. Is this made clear in His power? Yes, it is.

PRAY you will be most educated in the workings of the Almighty God always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YPOU TODAY-Psalms 77-78; Romans 10

AUGUST 10TH SINGING PRAISES TO GOD AND TO HIS HOLY NAME

READ Psalm 68:4 " Sing to God, sing praises to His name, cast up a highway for Him Who rides through the deserts-His name is the Lord-be in high spirits and glory before Him!"

To singing praises to the Lord God and to His Holy name does not necessarily mean rendering of a song or the genre of singing. It does not at the same time outlaw singing. What is paramount in singing His Praises the same that is singing praises to His Holy name is first appreciating and acknowledging Him and all His wonderful deed. Secondly making these known in whatever manner one is graced to all who will listen. Peradventure no one is listening, God Himself is acknowledging your acceptance of His power and sovereignty over you and will recompense same at the fullness of time. Making up a highway for Him in the desert land can mean a lot of things among others. It may mean being able to sing His praises in the most trying and seemingly difficult times as when Christ hung on the cross or when Job was grossly bereaved of all that was good in his life. It may be literal as well when we are hard up in the patched land and we find reasons to glorify Him for Who He is. In whatever way we are privileged, let us sing very high the Praises of the Lord most High. Alleluia.

PRAY you know the worth of your Praises to the Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 79-80; Romans 11:1-18

AUGUST 11TH SEEING GOD AS THE FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS AND A HUSBAND TO THE WIDOWS

READ Psalm 68:5 "A father of the fatherless and a judge and protector of the widows is God in His holy habitation."

In both the literal and the symbolic senses, God is both the Father of all fatherless and the Husband of all that are widowed as well as their protector and defender of their rights and privileges. How He does this is not of concern presently. You will recollect that being the Firstborn of the Virgin Mary He was forced as it were to play the father to the other six brothers and sisters of His by the same woman after the passage of Joseph early in the marriage. It was the demise of Joseph that made Him to handover the upkeeps and all the others to the beloved apostle John as He hung on the tree. By the same token He was the Husband of His mother the Virgin Mary after the demise of her husband. If you contend this theological truth, ask yourself where was Joseph when Jesus started His public ministry and when He hung and eventually rose from the dead. Symbolically, as the Righteous Judge of all Who will not accommodate evil in whatever form, Jesus was and is still is the Father of all who are destitute of one and the Husband of all who are widowed or are widowers to whom He is the Wife. He is there for everybody. So the Psalter here is obviously saying the truth for all to accommodate. You are blessed in your knowledge of this truth.

PRAY you are freed from lack of knowledge of the Truth

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 81-83; Romans 11:19-36

AUGUST 12TH FURTHER CHARACTERIZATION OF OUR LOVING GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 68:6 "God places the solitary in families and gives the desolate a home in which to dwell; He leads the prisoners out to prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a parched land."

Our all loving and all round Good doing God is not limited only to the care and caring of the widow or widower and the fatherless; otherwise He would not be God and Lord of all. But He cares for all both the rebellious as well as the righteous in every way. This is why He provides no separate sun and rain for the righteous as against that given to the rebellious. He is the Lord of all. Here in today's Scriptural piece, we are led into other areas of His good doings some of which are here explicated. First we see how He finds righteous and soothing families not just a family for the solitary and the destitute. In this, they are fulfilled as if they had never lost any ones. David in the wilderness was a home to many who had nothing to live for and he made a disciplined army and citizenry of them all. This is the kind of thing our Lord specializes in. Next we have the prisoners whom He led out of captivity and goes on to establish them. A lot of us today are prisoners in one way or the other. In Christ Jesus the Lord alone we have our freedom to be who and what He alone has destined us to be. In this we praise and honor Him for what He alone can and does do; for there is a difference between being able to do one thing and actually doing that thing. Our God is Faithful. Amen.

PRAY you really and fully know the Lord God you serve

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 84-86; Romans 12

AUGUST 13TH SEEING THE LORD'S WOMEN IN HIS MINISTRATION

READ Psalm 68:11 "The Lord gives the word [of power]; the women who bear and publish [the news] are a great host."

Contrary to what chauvinist males want to propagate, the women have a wonderful ministry in the Word. As a matter of divine truth, the role of the women in ministration or women ministration in the dissemination of the Gospel News is enormous. First it was the woman who was given to complete and complement the ministry of the man in Eden. Secondly and equally important is the truth that it was through the woman that God reconciled with the human kind, I mean in the Virgin Mary was God reconciled to man. The male semen is absolutely irrelevant in this God-Man Man-God formation. Also, you will notice that in the ministration of the Lord Jesus on earth, it was the women largely who provided for His needs as well as the needs of His disciples as seen in the Scriptures particularly Luke 8. While the men were lazying around on the day He rose from the grave for fear and unbelief, it was the women who boldly went to the grave and saw the Risen Lord; indeed, the women brought the news to the fearful men. Here in today's Scriptural piece we see again the women who bear and publish the news of His Peace to mankind. Tell me of what use is the news if not published? We appreciate the ministry of our women in Gospel dissemination.

PRAY you will adequately and righteously appreciate the women folk

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 87-88; Romans 13

AUGUST 14TH ARE YOU AWARE AND FAMILIAR WITH THE LORD'S SCATTERING OF KINGS?

READ Psalm 68:14 "When the Almighty scattered kings in [the land], it was as when it snows on Zalmon [a wooded hill near Shechem]."

You will notice that not long ago, we started our ministration on the 68th Psalm with the Lord arising to scatter His enemies. Will it interest you to know that it took the Lord over 430 years to begin to arise and to start the scattering of these heathen kings who had long offended the Lord God with their idolatrous living unto themselves? It will interest you also to know that God told Abraham point blank in Genesis 15:16 the iniquity of the Amorites was yet to fill the cup of judgment. As a result God couldn't have arisen to scatter His enemies. At the fullness of time however, He arose and one after the other He went ahead of His rebellious people and conquered these kings for Himself and for His holy name. This is what the Psalter here alludes to. I prophecy that your time has come for the Lord God to go ahead of you and scatter all your enemies whoever and whatever they may be just as He did then the same that is here likened to the snowfall on Zalmon. Let this gladden you and raise your assurance and hope in the Lord God Almighty. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are made ready now that the Lord is beginning to scatter all your enemies

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 89-90; Romans 14

AUGUST 15TH KNOWING THE MOUNTAIN MYSTERY OF THE LORD GOD

READ Psalm 68:15 "Is Mount Bashan the high mountain of summits, Mount Bashan [east of the Jordan] the mount of God?"

Our God is a mountaineer. There is no denying this truth which is not just the fact. Presently, He occupies the highest point in the heavenly. This accounts for why we say glory is God in the highest meaning in the highest place in the heavenly. In the New City which is 1500 kilometers High, He again will be at the highest point. While Christ was in the earth, He found occasion to be alone and sometimes with a few of His disciples on the mountain. Moses received the Sinaitic Laws and revelations on Mount Sinai where he was alone with God for forty days and forty nights twice. Prophet Elijah frequented the Mount. Mount Olives has carved a nitch for itself by being the Mount of Transfiguration, Mount of Ascension and will also be the Mount of Descent of the Lord God in Glory. The point I am making is any who must ascend the Holy Hills of the Lord both figuratively and literally must actually be a mountaineer. You must always be on the ascent and never give in to descent. You must mount up high like the eagle and fellowship with the Lord God where commoners in the Faith dear not go. The choice is yours as much as it is mine also. Be glorified in the Lord God Almighty amen.

PRAY you are of the Mountain specie of the Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 91-93; Romans 15:1-13

AUGUST 16TH COMING TO TERMS WITH OUR DAILY BURDEN BEARING GOD

READ Psalm 68:19 "Blessed be the Lord, Who bears our burdens and carries us day by day, even the God Who is our salvation!"

Are you aware that God does not only create us and abandon us to our fate? He does not merely create and goes to sleep as some are wont to vouch. Jesus the Son of God affirms when He ministered here that His Father Who is God Almighty still works until now. Part of His works is sustaining us and all the trillions of creatures in the universe. He ensures we have just enough sunshine such that we are not roasted alive. He also makes sure that we do not have less of the sunshine so we do not freeze to death. This is not considering the truth of His supplying all of us humans with the required oxygen to live while our green plants have sufficient carbon dioxide for the photosynthesis needed for their food. There are billions of individual blessings He daily supplies us. We are not even talking of His shielding us from numberless evils that would have made a mince meat of us. The brain He has graciously given us He nourishes such that we remain intelligent enough to take dominion of our environment. We assume it is our right to sleep when we want and wake whenever we so desire until we encounter problems walking or

standing erect. These are some of His infinitesimal blessings He daily showers on us. We are to acknowledge this and Praise His Holy name every moment of our lives. Alleluia amen.

PRAY you are appreciative of the many blessings of the Lord God of the heavens

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms94-96; Romans 15:14-33

AUGUST 17TH GOD AS THE GOD LORD OF DELIVERANCE AND SALVATION

READ Psalm 68:20 "God is to us a God of deliverance and salvation; and to God the Lord belongs escape from death [setting us free]."

Divine freedom from the punishment and torture which alienation from the commonwealth of Christ brings upon children of disobedience is what we call salvation in the strict sense of the word. It is being justified from the guilt of sin and perdition through faith in the Son of God Jesus Christ Who gave His life a ransom for us all. Beyond this however, salvation also covers in the extended meaning all protection and preservation from any evil whether known and or unknown. The shepherd boy David was in the field tending his father's flock when a lion and a bear attacked the sheepfold. He ran after each and rescuing them both was he himself the target of the ravaging mammal. If God had not preserved him from this cannibal, there was no way he would have been useful in the many ways the Lord was to put him later. The same is true of you and me. Not only are we saved in His Grace, but also we are being preserved save in His mighty and glorious power such that we can all fulfill our course as mapped out by Him for each and every one of us. In this our God is our Deliverer and our Protector. More than this He is also our Preserver such that death has no power over us until He God has called us home. Death therefore is a messenger of God assisting us in going back home and is to serve our eternal purpose. Great is our God and Lord forever more, amen.

PRAY you are worthy of His protection and preservation always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 97-99; Romans 16

AUGUST 18TH CONGRGATIONALLY PRAISING AND THANKING THE LORD MOST HIGH

READ Psalm 68:26 "Bless, give thanks, and gratefully praise God in full congregations, even the Lord, O you who are from [Jacob] the fountain of Israel."

So far we have been admonishing us in the body of this work to praise and bless the Lord God most High howbeit almost individually. Specifically, we have not mentioned the need for the assembly of the Lord so to do. From my own point of view based on what today's Scriptural piece says, the need to praise Him congregationally far more exceeds the individual. Congregationally, if one has not learnt the need to praise God most High one would be informed by seeing same and daily participating in same in the assembly of the saints. Thereby the one can then learn informally what it is to praise the Lord. In addition to this, the congregational praise worship of the Lord shields all who may not be doing this daily. Thus when the Lord

blesses His assembly for daily praising Him, every individual is so blessed. So how often are we doing this noble worthy acts in our assemblies? Are we aware that the best blessings we can give to the Lord is to praise-worship Him as often as we can? If done by the congregation, then we know that it is communal in a way and becomes infectious. Expose us to this divine worthy infection O Lord God of hosts. Amen.

PRAY you are worthy of His Praises and reverential worship always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 100-102; 1 Corinthians 1

AUGUST 19TH KINGS SHALL BRING GIFTS TO THE LORD IN JERJUSALEM

READ Psalm 68:29 "[Out of respect] for Your temple at Jerusalem kings shall bring gifts to You."

You need to realize that the world in which we are now will continue after being purged in the Holy Ghost fire at the end of the millennium. In the New City where saints of the Lord in all the ages will live in and with the Lord, there will be no temple at all as the Lord God and the Lamb will temple the City Themselves. There will be no light of the sun or the moon therein as the Brilliance of the Duo will lighten all that is in the New City. But in the New Earth that will be peopled by reformed ordinary people, there will be a Temple erected by His Holy Angels. There all peoples from around the world will annually present gifts in worship to the Lord and peradventure no nation shows up, the Bible says such a rebellious nation will be denied its due rain. How much of this do you allow yourself to know? How much of the written Word of God do you know let alone mastering? And where you haven't read the entire Bible back to back since your conversion how would you cope with revelation of things heavenly that are not penned down in Scripture that God gives regularly to His Saints? Ponder on this brethren and don't miss out on any of His blessings again.

PRAY you will make an end of all laziness in the power of the Holy Spirit now and forever

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 103-104; 1 Corinthians 2

AUGUST 20TH REBUKING THE WILD BEASTS OF BASHAN IN YOUR LIFE

READ Psalm 68:30 "Rebuke the wild beasts dwelling among the reeds [in Egypt], the herd of bulls (the leaders) with the calves of the peoples; trample underfoot those who lust for tribute money; scatter the peoples who delight in war."

I have to specially thank the Lord God for His enlightenment and for His ever increasing show of His power and might in the dissemination of His knowledge. Here we are with the imprecatory once again. I particularly thank the Lord because a good many of us don't know enough not to say don't know at all. As a result they tend to infect others naively with their silly self righteousness as they will refuse the Holy Spirit leading to go imprecatory. From the last part of the verse today, we see how the Psalter commands that they who triumph in warfare that is not

God ordained should be scattered by the Lord. He went further to command that the wild beasts of Egypt be rebuked. Rebuking can take any form from mere tongue lashing to utter killing if the need be. What is important is for the beast to be deprived of his ravaging power. We are again face to face with the imprecatory that specifies that those who lusted after tribute money following success in war should be trampled upon. The entire Psalm 68 if you want to know is imprecatory and form part of what is now known truly as the Holy Bible. May I implore you to follow in toto all that the Holy Spirit will instruct and be not another King Saul who will want to be wiser than Wisdom Himself as to disobey the most High. You are blessed, amen.

PRAY you will not know more than your Teacher the Holy Spirit

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 105-106; 1 Corinthians 3

AUGUST 21ST SINGING PRAISES TO HIM WHO RIDES ABOVE THE HEAVENS

READ Psalm 68:33 "[Sing praises] to Him, Who rides upon the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, He sends forth His voice, His mighty voice."

So what can we make of the truth that God Almighty rides upon the heavens, even the ancient heavens themselves? We know for sure He rides upon as well as He is seated among the Cherubim. So what does the Bible mean when it is declared God rides upon the heavens even the ancient ones themselves? I want to believe what is meant is the truth that God in His overall riding of the heavens is above same. There is no way He could have ridden over the heavens without having the heavens themselves as His footstool in the same way the earth is as Scripturally noted. Thus, while the earth is beneath Him and below Him, the heavens themselves are also beneath Him but far more above the earth. There is no difference whatsoever between the earth being beneath the Almighty God and the heavens doing the same when it comes to the supremacy of the Eternal Father and God. So where do you and I come in now? We come in when the need to Praise the Lord Most High comes up particularly when we have to know and realize that He is above all else even Himself if this were possible as He is not responsible and accountable to any, not even Himself. Amen. So praise Him always, okay!

PRAY you Praise the Lord always all the time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 107-109; 1 Corinthians 4

AUGUST 22ND WHEN IT IS MOST RIGHTEOUS TO CALL ON GOD

READ Psalm 69:1 "SAVE ME, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck [they threaten my life]."

The Lord be most blessed in our lives and in the entire universe whether or not they all acknowledge Him. Here we are in the Scriptural piece of today as we see the Psalter vigorously calling on the Lord God to save Him as if the Lord God Almighty has reneged on His Word and promise to preserve and keep us all. But is it this right and righteous to call on God in times of

trouble? This question I will answer with another-when is it not right and righteous to call upon the name of the Lord? And who except God Himself determines when calling on Him is right and or righteous? Accordingly, I believe there is no better time to call on the Lord God when it appears to us we are sinking and or God is not taking note of us enough. There is no other person we can call unto who has the power of knowledge and the ability couples with the willingness to save except the Living God. Perhaps we need not wait until we are drowning or seem so to be before calling on His Excellency. May you all be mostly blessed in Him, Alleluia.

PRAY you are with and in the Lord throughout all your journey and journeying

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 110-112; 1 Corinthians 5

AUGUST 23RD WHEN SEEMINGLY CONSUMED IN THE ZEAL OF THE LORD GOD

READ Psalm 69:9 "For the zeal for Your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches and insults of those who reproach and insult You have fallen upon me."

Ordinarily, being zealous for the Lord God Almighty is nothing wrong. Yet zealousness without His knowledge is the worst of abomination. The apostle Paul in His epistle to the Corinthian saints did note that he could vouch for the zeal of the Jews in matters of the Faith. Regrettably though enough they were zealous without knowledge. It is this same kind of zeal the song talks about, and I mean the song *Rock of Ages Cleft for me* when it asserts that even if my zeal were not to know any respite, yet, it is grossly inadequate for salvation which only His Precious Blood alone does effectively. Accordingly good as it is to be zealous in matters of the Faith, even the Faith that is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, yet it is more important to obey Him and not just going about and doing it the way we want or the way we know without being led by His Spirit. The Pharisees amongst others were this guilty. They were most zealous, perhaps more zealous than the Lord God Himself were this to be ever possible. But they did this outside of the knowledge of the workings of the Almighty. They weren't chosen to be anything by God. But determining to avoid the pitfall of their fathers in the wilderness, they lorded this responsibility upon themselves. In effect, they lacked the anointing for they were not so called. You will remember no one takes this honor upon himself except the sons of Aaron. Glory is God in the Highest heavens.

PRAY you are given to knowledge, His knowledge really

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms113-115; 1 Corinthians 6

AUGUST 24TH WHEN IN GREAT DISTRESS OF THE ENEMY

READ Psalm 69:17 "Hide not Your face from Your servant, for I am in distress; O answer me speedily."

Perhaps distress time is the most urgent need for God's intervention in our affairs. Yes, I want to concur on a normal good day. Yet, there is no time we can be on our own without the leading

and guidance of the Holy Spirit and be fulfilled. There is just no time like this. We are made to be dependent absolutely on the Lord God Who Himself formed us from the dust of the earth. To do otherwise is to run into trouble. As one who is carnal, distress time seems the best time to run to God. Then what do we make of none distress and quiet times? Certainly what we do with God in our distress free times tells a lot of who we are in the Lord and how well we have mastered Him not to say fail to master Him. As a matter of truth, how well we manage our relationship in and with God outside of distress time to a large extent determines if there will be distress at all and the extent of same in a way. One who goes asleep in prosperity is not likely to find God in adversity if God were to repay him for neglecting Him prior. The prophet Isaiah has cautioned us all to seek the Lord when He can be found and call on Him when He is near. My position is God is nearer to His own in prosperity than in adversity if we are to quantify both. For once, God does not want His own to suffer unduly. Indeed, He came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. So if we are to wait till adversity time to seek the Lord, perhaps God will be left with either no one or ensure we are all in distress to seek Him. Consider that David only ran from Saul for just 13 of his 70 years, and Joseph 13 of his 110 years. Definitely God wants us the more in prosperity while not abandoning us in adversity.

PRAY you are worthy of the call of God all the time the need arises

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 116-118; 1 Corinthians 7:1-19

AUGUST 25TH WHEN AND WHY THE HABITATIONS OF YOUR ENEMIES WILL BE DESOLATE

READ Psalm 69:25 "Let their habitation and their encampment be a desolation; let no one dwell in their tents."

Whenever your enemies for reasons best known to them seek to displace you and or expel you from the ground your Lord has planted you without any justification or authorization from the Lord God Almighty, they risk being ejected from their habitation and as a result the place being made desolate. Why? It is because as he seeks evil, so the same shall come upon him; and whereas he hates good, so shall good be far from him. Besides, as long as you and I are in the obedience of the Father seeking to promote Him and His declared purpose and will, we have Him strongest in our backing. Anything short of this is not too good for us too. Whenever your enemies attack you without your Rock selling and giving up on you or giving you up, you can be sure the Strength of Israel and the Rock of all faithful will destroy and scatter them. You are not to embark on anything on your own. You are to remain in the Faith and be resolute to follow all known and unknown commandments of His as long as they are righteous. Once you are in line with the Lord in His declared will and purpose as you are concerned and as your course in Him is involved, you are made perfect in Him. Perfection in Him therefore is the desolation and capitulation of all your enemies in the Lord.

PRAY to abide in Him perpetual

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms119:1-88; 1 Corinthians 7:20-40

AUGUST 26TH BLOTTING OUT OF YOUR ENEMIES FROM THE BOOKS OF LIFE AND THE LIVING

READ Psalm 69:28 "Let them be blotted out of the book of the living and the book of life and not be enrolled among the [uncompromisingly] righteous (those upright and in right standing with God)."

By now you must be very familiar with both the books of life and the book of the living. While the book of living registers all human beings still living on the sand or ground and by implication not yet in Hades since they are not yet buried, the book of Life registers all righteous saints of the Lord whether still living in the earth or already translated into glory. I will not be too surprised if it contains the names of all such righteous saints whether yet born or yet to be born. Although both are good and necessary, yet, the Book of Life is to be sought more than the book of the Living. For one thing, whether we are in the book of Life or not, all human beings for as long as they live have their names enrolled in the book of the Living. This is no guarantee of their names being in the book of Life. For one's name to be enrolled in the Book of Life therefore, true faith in Christ Jesus is the condition and abiding in same will ensure you don't have your name blotted out of same. Once anyone is dead, his or her name is taken out of the book of the Living. But whether dead or living, as long as one Faiths in the Lord God, one's name remains intact in the Book of Life. Asking God to blot out the names of your enemies from both is the deadliest one can ask for one's enemies as they lose out both here and in Eternity Life.

PRAY you are eternally in the books of Life and the Living in the Lord GOD

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 119:89-176; 1 Corinthians 8

AUGUST 27TH WHEN THE TRINITY OF THE HEAVENS, EARTH AND THE SEA PRAISE THE LORD

READ Psalm 69:34 "Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them."

When we talk of the heavens, we talk of the very abode of the Almighty and not just the firmament as we see them. The heavens are nothing outside of the hosts of same who are in their millions known only to God Almighty. Yet, they are all admonished to praise the Lord by singing His goodness and mighty plus of course His power. We also talk of the earth in which we live plus of course our many hosts both righteous and the unrighteous. And do not be taken aback if you earn that even the satanic hosts bless and praise the Lord, after all they marvel at His might and power that swept them out of the heavenly. For whatever reason the Psalter considers the seas which ordinarily should have been numbered with the earthly hosts as a unit in themselves that require separate mentioning in their praise of the Mighty and powerful Lord and God. What amazes me is the numberless sea hosts which I am sure man has not fathomed. All these too are to praise the Lord. This is without any injury to the numberless members of the man who are enjoined to praise the Lord as long as they are living. Won't you marvel as you Praise the Almighty God of the heavens! It is time you and I do and now too. Alleluia.

PRAY you know exactly what praising God entails

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 1320-122; 1 Corinthians 9

AUGUST 28TH KNOWING THE FREEDOM IN THE LAW OF LIVE AND LIVING

READ Romans 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from the law of sin and of death."

The verse before which in fact is the first has declared most categorically that there is therefore no condemnation for any and all who are in Christ Jesus as against the Law of Moses which required righteousness from all. In the Law of Faith the same that is Jesus Christ the Savior, all adherents who are the faithful really are already justified and so remain in Him as long as they abide in the Faith not because of any good they might have done or would have ever been able to do but because of the finished works of salvation the Savior of Life had accomplished on behalf of all faithful. Accordingly all I need do daily is to live according to His commandments the same which is living by His Faith as all faithfully righteous shall live by faithing stubbornly in Him and in none other really. In this we have our joy and joying in being in His Peace and no other. The Law of the Spirit therefore is the Law of Faith which is based on the Righteousness of the Son of God Who is Lord and Judge of all things be they in the heavenly above or in the earth below or even beneath the earth. This is the confidence and joy we have in Him; that we are saved and kept saved in Him by Grace, His Grace really and nothing else, alleluia.

PRAY you are most faithful in Him and Him alone

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 123-125; 1 Corinthians 10:1-18

AUGUST 29TH KNOWING THE DIFFERNCE BETWEEN CARNAL AND SPIRITUAL MINDEDNESS

READ Romans 8:6 "Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever]."

There is no doubt that if after one has been born again one is carnally minded, meaning working and walking according to the dictates of the flesh, death and all miseries arising from sin and sinning thereto await one. This means in part that one would end up in eternal fire that is sulfurous and everlasting. In short, one has labored in vain simple. Accordingly, it is not enough to basking in the euphoria of being saved in Christ Jesus good and desirable as this is. It is more important to live by Faith in the Spirit of God that indwells and directs one. Living daily in His Righteousness which His Spirit endows us with and by which we are enabled at the same time to continue our sojourn in Him is all that matters. A life of spiritual living as opposed to that of the flesh is marked by unquantifiable peace of God in one; the peace that was and is still bequeathed to us all in Him as we accepted Him in the Faith and so abide. Accordingly if I so abide till the end of my sojourn here, I am sure of translation into the New City where God and the Lamb with all saints of all dispensations will abide and rule, forever more, alleluia, amen.

PRAY you will live spiritual and not natural and carnal

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 126-128; 1 Corinthians 10:19-33

AUGUST 30TH FAITH IN CHRIST TO THE END EQUALS ETERNAL RESURRECTION INTO LIFE

READ Romans 8:11 :And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, [then] He Who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore to life your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you."

While Christ pilgrimaged this earth, He lived and died for the Lord God Who sent Him here. People thought then it was finished for and with Him as they saw Him as any other past prophet. But how mistaken were they! Even His apostles who dined with Him were taken aback when they saw Him risen from the dead because it was impossible for death to hold Him beyond the permitted time as decreed by the God of the heavens. In the same token, we have to know that all of us who will live here and die in the Lord doing His will also at the end of the age will hear the last trump; for the trump will sound and all us the righteous will first rise from the dead and we shall be kings and priests in the New City from where we would be ministering to the natural humans who will throng the earth, the New Earth really as the Lord God has made it. The point of today's ministration is that the Lord God Who worked in the Lord Jesus Christ is still alive working in and with us to His own Glory and Glory alone. Need we not panic in this divine knowledge. Alleluia.

PRAY you are living in the power and might of His resurrection always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 129-131; 1 Corinthians 11:1-16

AUGUST 31ST LIVING HABITUALLY THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

READ Romans 8:13 "For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die. But if through the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are [habitually] putting to death (making extinct, deadening) the [evil] deeds prompted by the body, you shall [really and genuinely] live forever."

The focus of today is not just living in the power of the Holy Spirit good and fantastic as this is to every truly bornagains. The focus really is being in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the same might putting to death the works of the flesh. It is one thing to work righteousness in the power of the mighty Lord God. It is another thing being able to kill totally the works of the flesh in one's life. No matter how much righteous works one may muster in God, if one does not by the same power kill and if possible totally annihilate the works of the flesh, it is only a matter of time before one is cold as a water put in the deep freezer when one is supposed to be hot as a coal brought out from the furnace. So how does one kill the works of the flesh warring in our flesh? Apart from praying, fasting, and meditating on His Word regularly, my experience has shown that we should take great care of the watchfulness aspect which many of us are wont to neglect or overlook. Prayer alone did not stop Potiphar's wife from lusting after Joseph. After repeated

refusal, Joseph knew if he did not run away from her, he was a goner. So he ran away from the alluring and most tempting woman before she could finish him. You may want to argue that this led him into prison; but the prison was where he had his breakthrough. Watchfulness was what was lacking in the apostles of Christ as the Savior was being betrayed. So they slept off when they should be most diligently awake. Run dear brethren in Christ; run away for dear life from all appearances of evil. Then you are safe. Amen.

PRAY you watchfully avoid running into temptation

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 1323-134; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

SEPTEMBER 1ST HEIRS OF CHRIST AND HEIRS OF GOD IN CHRIST

READ Romans 8:17 "And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also; heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory."

An heir is the imminent inheritor of one's estate. This is in the natural world. The same meaning is intended even in the spiritual here as discussed in the chapter. Christ and Christ only, this time not the Holy Spirit is the Inheritor of all that the Father ever has. He Himself said this while He was here in the flesh when He asserted that all the Father has is as well as was His. In His common assurance to all believers as seen in John 14:1ff, He calmed us all down not to let our minds be troubled as He was going back to His Father to prepare a place for us all so that where He is in Glory we too will be. There is no doubt therefore that Jesus is the Heir of the Father, His Father really and truly. On His own, He has called us brethren; that is why the writer of Hebrews asserted He was not ashamed to be equal with us as He that sanctifies and they that are sanctified are the same. If we are His as His Bride and we would inherit all that is His, and He is the Heir of the Father, then it follows logically too that we are co-Heirs with Him of the Father's Inheritance. What a wonderful position we inherit just by faithing in Him and so abiding to the end of our sojourn here on earth!

PRAY we will abide in Him to the end

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 135-136; 1 Corinthians 12

SEPTEMBER 2ND KNOW THAT TILL NOW NATURE AND CREATION STILL SUFFER FOR THE SIN OF ADAM

READ Romans 8:21 "That nature (creation) itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and corruption [and gain an entrance] into the glorious freedom of God's children."

The beauty of Scripture is its Truth the same being God Himself. There is nothing in the Scripture not the Bible necessarily that is false. Every recording in Scripture is truth whether it is a record of the falsity of a person or situation or the truth of same as accurately recorded. As a result, all who want to be informed in the truth find Scripture a rich resource if not the richest and only

resource for that matter. As a result, Scripture today points us again to the eternity of everything and anything God. There is no temporary thing in His Being. When He loves you it is for eternity; and when He is angry with you, believe me, it is also for eternity. A quick illustration will convince you not confuse you. Adam fell in Eden for which he died. Many thousands of years thereafter, man still dies and will continue so to do until the end of this age which only God knows. Israel sinned in the wilderness and for forty good years, He was angry with them. Up till today, Israel as a nation is still outside the commonwealth of the saved and so she will remain until the tail end of the tribulation period. As at today and until after the millennium, the universe still groans for the fall of man in Eden. Who then says God is not eternal in all His character!

PRAY you are in the Truth, His Truth really always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 137-139; 1 Corinthians 13

SEPTEMBER 3RD BEING ALIVE AND STRONG IN CHRIST DESPITE OUR HUMAN WEAKNESSES

READ 2 Corinthians 13:4 "For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He goes on living by the power of God. And though we too are weak in Him [as He was humanly weak], yet in dealing with you [we shall show ourselves] alive and strong in [fellowship with] Him, by the power of God."

The first Adam was a carbon copy of the Lord God Who graciously made him in His image. The last Adam Who was and is life Himself is God. Humanly speaking, He was weak and He lived weakly here for which He was crucified on the Roman Cross. But God raised Him from the dead most powerfully and He lived powerfully thereafter in the power of the Most High. In the same token, all faithful are weak humanly and so we live out our lives and its weakness here by nature. From the spiritual perspective, we are as strong as the Savior Himself Whose carbon copy we are the moment we believed and abide therein thereafter. For this, we are to allow the power that raises our Lord and God from the grave to so power us in live with the revealed will and purpose of the Lord God under Whose Grace we are not only created but also sustained to bring Him the desired Glory. It is in this connection that today's ministration urges us all to give our all to the Lord God Who loves us in His Grace and has promised not to leave us until He accomplishes all for which we are created. We are not to void His exemplary show of His Grace to and His us. Glorify God Almighty in His Grace always.

PRAY you are most appreciative of His Grace in you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms140-142; 1 Corinthians 14:1-20

SEPTEMBER 4TH KNOWING THE TREE OF GOD BY ITS FRUIT OF GODLINESS ALWAYS

READ Matthew 12:33 "Either make the tree sound (healthy and good), and its fruit sound (healthy and good), or make the tree rotten (diseased and bad), and its fruit rotten (diseased and bad); for the tree is known and recognized and judged by its fruit."

This was and still is the declaration of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord when He pilgrimaged this earth the same that is truth of all times and ages. The point is we are truly of the Father Jesus Christ the Nazarene, His identity card when He was here was that He went about doing good in the power of the Holy Ghost and setting free those in the bondage of the Savior. We should be seen and known also only in and by His Holy Spirit the Same that is given for us to be able to doing good like He did and more good than He did also as He has so enabled us. So why are there more evil manifestations in the world now than when He was here despite the multitudes of believers or rather professed believers? Why are there more witnesses of hypocrisy in the House of God now than any time before now? Why are we disposed to behaving differently than our Father and Lord behaved even till today as He has not stopped blessing both the evil and the righteous persons? Why are we not true replica of our Father? This calls for a real meditation from all of us. We have to flood the world by now with His good doings in us all. There is no doubt millions if not billions of professed Christians today living in the earth. Our population is enough to dwarf the most giant of giants of evil if we are true in our profession. Let us all change for the better and glorify His Holy name, amen.

PRAY you are blessed of the Lord truly and showcase same always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 143-145; 1 Corinthians 14:21-40

SEPTEMBER 5TH KNOWING THE BOUNDARY THE LORD GOD HAS SET FOR YOU AND ME

READ Psalm 104:9 "You have set a boundary [for the waters] which they may not pass over, that they turn not again to deluge the earth."

Today's Scriptural passage alludes to the boundary God has set for almost everything He has created and or brought into being. In specific terms, it talks of the waters to which He has given a boundary thus vitiating any attempt by them to overrun the earth the second time as in the days of Noah the righteous. Not only this, we see the sun given power to stride the day as the husband coming out of his bedchamber. His power is not felt in the night where the moon reigns as a colossus. The list is almost endless as we go into the oceans which run through all the continents of the earth. There is of course the firmament that separates the waters above from those below. Genesis chapter 1 in particular is a compendium of this segregation. In like manner, there is a boundary for you and me as sons of God different from those of the darkness. We are to mirror the Light of God Who we are as opposed to darkness which they typify. The question is whether you and me are conforming to this boundary classification of the eternal God or we are just living for living sake. We are to let our light so shine as to mirror the Almighty Lord and God always.

PRAY you are His brilliant light always in this dark world

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 146-147; 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

SEPTEMBER 6TH ANOTHER LOOK AT THE TREE SYMBOLISM

READ Psalm 104:16 "The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly and are filled with sap, the cedars of Lebanon which He has planted."

One reason why the tree symbolism pervades Scripture among many others is its longevity. Normally, trees live longer than other species of its kind**.** Another reason is the spread trees have the same that makes them accessible to many other species and form habitable living for them. These and many others are some of the points highlighted in the use of trees as symbols in Scripture. The point is as a tree of the Lord, you and me are expected to mirror the benefits and advantages that derive from the tree. We are to be most beneficial to the society in which we are raised. Agreed, the gifts of God in us is for us first and foremost to profit. Yet, we are not to be selfish as to be inward looking alone and nothing else. There is no way the tree can be inward looking. Although its root is inward and underground, its branches, fruits and foliage are all outside and are most beneficial to others both man and none human species. As a matter of truth and fact, the tree is more beneficial to others than to itself. It is in this connection that today's Scriptural piece points to you and me. We are equipped with more saps than the ordinary humans for the benefit of all around us such that they too may see the Light of the Almighty through us for which we enrich our righteousness. How well are we doing this is the issue to ponder on today. Remain blessed in Him, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are reaching out in your neighborhood as you should

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalms 149-150; 1 Corinthians 15:29-58

SEPTEMBER 7TH KNOWING THE NATURE OF THE WORKINGS OF GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 104:22 "When the sun arises, they withdraw themselves and lie down in their dens."

The immediate environment of the verse above is the young lions who roar after their prey as they seek their food from God. The truth is all created beings and plants including the angelic beings wait on God for their living and their all. What He God gives is what each receives and that which He denies they never will get. This is the rule of nature not just of God but for and of us. The apostle John the baptizer has noted this much in John 3:27 when he declared that a man can receive nothing, he can appropriate nothing to Himself except that which is first given to Him from heaven. This explains in part why we all will die when, where, and how He has purposed before we are aware of who and what we are. This is the point I am stressing in His power for all of us including myself today. I am able to reach you through this medium today exactly because that is the way He has purposed it. I receive no pay financially directly for this *Pathfinder* and every other book I have written and will be writing. He has made it possible for me so to do from my mother's womb as He prepares me for the technicalities of writing as I studied English Language to the point of competence. All the money needed to publish He always provides at the moment of need. More than this, He takes care of me as needed. So I am not lacking in anything He has provided for me. I lack only those things He has not provided for me. Thanks be His Grace, I am contented in and with Him. What about you brother and sister!

PRAY you are in Him as enabled always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 1-2; 1 Corinthians 16

SEPTEMBER 8TH GIVING THANKS AND PRAISE TO YOU O GOD IN REHEARSING YOUR WONDERS

READ Psalm 75:1 "WE GIVE praise and thanks to You, O God, we praise and give thanks; Your wondrous works declare that Your Name is near and they who invoke Your Name rehearse Your wonders."

Singing the praises of the Lord as we have shown here many times is nothing but telling of His might in one's life essentially and in the lives of those known to one both Scripturally and otherwise. There is no doubt in this truism. We bless the name of the Lord because we have learnt to know Him and His wondrous works, workings, and nature. There is no way we can tell of God meaningfully to ourselves or to others without first experiencing Him. We can't give out that which we have not first taken into ourselves. This is the genesis and nurture of praises particularly the Praise of the Almighty. Of importance today is the issue of rehearsal. In simple language, rehearsal is practicing beforehand. Technically, there is what is called dress rehearsal in drama when everything is being presented as they would be given in the live performance but to a restricted viewer such that all propositions and calculation can be test-run before the live audience. This is what is being hammered on here. Before you can praise Him meaningfully, you must have rehearsed His wonder working nature in your life and usually involuntarily. With time, it becomes part of you and you go into your life performance as it were without any formality again. When last did you praise the wonder of God in your life?

PRAY you are into His Praises and Praise singing

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 3-5; 2 Corinthians 1

SEPTEMBER 9TH WHERE PROMOTION TRULY COMES

READ Psalm 75:6 "For not from the east nor from the west nor from the south come promotion and lifting up."

It is most appropriate to remind ourselves of the real, true, and permanent source of all powers in the universe. Nothing chances into existence you want to know. All are made by the Almighty Lord and God of all according to His revealed will and purpose and all are in place to fulfill His pleasures. As a result, He alone determines who lives and who does not; where he lives and where he would never be; what he becomes and what he or she would never become. No doubt, certain physical features and issues lead to one's promotion or demotion. The truth is that nothing comes into being without the explicit authority of God or His permission or both. Absolutely nothing chances into existence. Otherwise, there would have been no need for prophecies. But there are prophecies because the Lord God alone determines what will be and in accordance to this, He makes His prediction to His own long before they come into being. This is the more reason why the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar was never taken away from him

despite his seven years delirium and near madness when the spirit of animal was given to him as prophesied. God preserved his kingdom and definitely brought him back to glory as determined by Him. How many kingdoms are forcefully taken away from the occupiers while they were hail and healthy? But God lifts one up and brings another down. Glory be to His Name amen.

PRAY you will realize your limitations as a created being if His

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 6-7; 2Corinthians 2

SEPTEMBER 10TH KNOWING THE ETERNAL JUDGE OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE THAT IS HIS

READ Psalm 75:7 "But God is the Judge! He puts down one and lifts up another."

Further to our discussions of yesterday; God Almighty is the Judge. Judge here is not restricted to sitting over cases. Rather, it involves His determination of all and everything in the universe. While it is good and noteworthy for one to be upright, it is nobler for one to be in the divine favor of the Almighty. The case of King and Priest David readily comes to mind. Here was a young shepherd boy who for all we know never had a formal education even though I did not rule out the informal. He was a nobody but just the eighth son of his father whose mother theologians believe was at best the secondary wife of Jesse not the legal wife. From nowhere God brought him up. He did many things that would normally earn him instant death. He never died for any nor was he punished at all. He ate the Holy Bread which was known as the Presence of God Bread and even gave to his assistants who were most unworthy. God blessed him for this. He wore ephod the holy garment meant only for the sons of Aaron. He lived to tell the blessing story. He slept with his commander's wife and later killed the commander. God didn't kill him nor did He sack the relationship which many termed adulterous. Yet, the son through this woman was beloved of God and called Jedidah who was later to stabilize the kingdom of Israel. Do you understand! Now you should really and truly.

PRAY you are into His mystery

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 8-9; 2 Corinthians 3

SEPTEMBER 11TH COMING TO KNOWING GOD OF THE HEAVENS IN JUDAH

READ Psalm 76:1 "IN JUDAH God is known and renowned; His name is highly praised and is great in Israel."

So what do you make of the first sentence here above-that God is only known in Judah or what? That is not what the Scriptural piece says or is saying. So what is it saying? What it is saying and what it means is that God of the heavens is best known in Judah. Judah you want to know was the fourth son of Jacob the beloved also known as Israel whose name Judah means praise. Praise to Who? Praise to God the Almighty Lord God of all. His territory is Jerusalem where the Lord God will eventually settle when He comes down from the heavens to set up His reign in the New City. For all the period after the ark was taken away from Shiloh, precisely from the reign of

David, the Ark which represented God's Presence domiciled in the Temple in Jerusalem where all the tribes congregated to worship Him thrice in a year. At the end of this age, Jerusalem, the New Jerusalem will also house and man the 1500 kilometers New Jerusalem also known as the New City where God will domicile with all the Righteous saints from all the ages. From there God will come into the headquarters of the New Earth the same which is the earthly Jerusalem where there will be a Temple where all living natural beings will congregate annually to praise and worship the Lord God Almighty. By now you are beginning to know and realize that God is best known in Judah. Amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 10-12; 2 Corinthians 4

SEPTEMBER 11TH FURTHER ON JERUSALEM, HIS TABERNACLE AND ZION

SEPTEMBER 12TH NOT ROUSING THE ANGER OF THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalms 76:7 "You, even You, are to be feared [with awe and reverence]! Who may stand in Your presence when once Your anger is roused?"

Today's Scriptural piece first dispels the wrongly held view that the Lord Most High is never angry. Who so says? If He never gives in to anger, tell me where does mankind get the anger emotion? No doubt God is given to anger. But I pray not even Satan our arch enemy knows the anger of the Lord God. Hebrews 3:9ff notes the Lord's anger against the Jews in the wilderness the same that went on for forty years unstopped even though He was still preserving them in His covenant. Psalm 2 notes that we should never ever court the anger of the Lord; for just one minute of His anger is more than enough to consume one. Hence we are all enjoined to worship Him in utter reverence and deference. The exact rendering: "*Serve the Lord with reverent awe and worshipful fear; rejoice and be in high spirits with trembling [least you displease Him]. Kiss the Son [pay homage to Him in purity], lest He be angry and you perish in the way, for soon shall His wrath be kindled. O bless (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are all those who seek refuge and put their trust in Him!" Psalm 2:11-12.* Accordingly therefore, we are never to arouse the anger of the Living Lord God. Again it is noted in Hebrews 10:31, it is a most dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God. Why? It is because as He loves, so He fights in hate. Let us not try His loving-kindness and extreme patience. Our Lord is good; yet, dreadful and at the same time. I end of this Scriptural note: *"For our God is [indeed] a consuming fire."-Hebrews 12:29*

PRAY you are not into the hands of the Living God in His anger; No. Never!

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 13-15; 2 Corinthians 5

SEPTEMBER 13TH VOWING AND PAYING YOUR VOW PROMPTLY AND FULLY

READ Psalm 76:11 "Vow and pay to the Lord your God; let all who are round about Him bring presents to Him Who ought to be [reverently] feared."

The first point of note today is the truth that God is not just to be feared as we posited yesterday; over and above that, He is to be reverently feared in all somber and awesome submission. One who reverenced the Lord as required will not venture to do anything that would be unacceptable to God whether knowingly or otherwise. Peradventure one mistakenly offends Him, one would immediately come to Him in reverence and total submission in a way that will assuage His already frail emotion. As a result, one would not rush into vowing when one does not have the intension of fulfilling it. Perhaps after making the vow conditions that would hinder the payment come up, one must still be committed to paying the vow at any and all costs. For there is no two ways to this. Take the case of Jephthah for instance who had to sacrifice her first and only daughter in fulfillment of the vow to give as burnt offering unto the Lord whatever came out of her household to welcome him. It was difficult and seemingly impossible; yet he fulfilled the vow which was at a great cost to himself. This is worship. This is service to the Lord which we all must follow. May we all be glorified in His service and worship amen.

PRAY you are abundantly faithful in His worship

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 16-18; 2 Corinthians 6

SEPTEMBER 14TH SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN CHRIST AND NOT LYING

READ Romans 9:1 "I AM speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience [enlightened and prompted] by the Holy Spirit bearing witness with me."

It is the responsibility and obligation thrusted on us by our acceptance of the Faith that is Christ to always speak the truth. We are to always speak the truth because Truth is God and God is Truth. Everyone who speaks the Truth consciously or otherwise identifies with the Lord God. Whoever speaks the opposite which is falsehood automatically identifies with the arch enemy of the saints the same who is Satan. It is not that Satan is falsehood. Falsehood exists independent of Satan. But the truth is Satan is the father and author of every falsehood. Accordingly, any who is of the Lord will rejoice in speaking the truth always. More than this, truth speaking will become the order of the day for him as he needs not struggle for same as it is already habitual. This is the message today. Are you consciously struggling to be found in the Truth? Then you are in the dangerous zone. All who are of God finds it most easy to say the truth. It doesn't matter what the consequences of this are. What matters is that they are comfortable in the Truth of the Lord. Always say this much. Amen.

PRAY you are in the Truth that is the Lord God Himself

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 19-21; 2 Corinthians 7

SEPTEMBER 15TH KNOWING AND REALISING THAT TO THE JEWS BELONG THE ADOPTION

READ Romans 9:4 "For they are Israelites, and to them belong God's adoption [as a nation] and the glorious Presence (Shekinah). With them were the special covenants made, to them

was the Law given. To them [the temple] worship was revealed and [God's own] promises announced."

Of a truth, to the Jews belong the oracles of the Living God of all ages. This means in part God chose the Jews through Abraham to be the repository of His revelation and the preserver of same. No doubt, God loves the Jews in a way He does not love all other nations, at least at the initial start of His works. For this reason are all the others classified as Gentiles meaning none Jews. Regardless of their present and future inadequacies and rebellion against the Living Lord and the Word He gave in Christ Jesus, the Jews owned the adoption. By this is meant they were the first to be adopted into the commonwealth of the Almighty. All the others were later brought in by the same God in the same way. But originally, the adoption of God of any mankind belongs to the Jews. This is the reason why Jesus was a Jew and Jerusalem the capital of the Jewish nation the future capital of the Lord God Almighty. Of course, from the inadequacies of the Jews and the rebellion coming out of same comes also the spread of the adoption doctrine to include you and me. For the Scripture notes that when He came unto His own and His own received Him not; He extended His adoption to all others who will receive Him and become sons of His in the spiritual. Remain blessed in His knowledge, amen.

Pray you are not without the adequate and sound knowledge required of all

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 22-24; 2 Corinthians 8

SEPTEMBER 16TH WHEN SELF EXPULSION IS SOUGHT FOR THE GOOD OF ONE'S OWN PEOPLE

READ Romans 9:3 "For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off and banished from Christ for the sake of my brethren and instead of them, my natural kinsmen and my fellow countrymen."

The mistake must not be made that the very apostle Paul desired ostracization from the very body of Christ he had been forcefully but faithfully called by His Eminence the Holy Spirit. No. This mistake must not be made at all. What he postulated was that he would have preferred that was the situation if that would make his brethren the Jews come out of their spiritual stupor. But Glory be to God, that was never needed nor is it desirable. Nevertheless, the point has been made that the very apostle Paul so much treasured the blessing and glory in the membership of the Body of Christ on the one hand; and on the other so much loved his own people to whom were given the very oracles of the Lord God that he would have loved to miss out of this eternal bliss for the benefit of the whole. Be that as it may, no one needs forfeit his or her blessings in Christ for the other person as there is enough of His blessings to go round the entire universe of His a trillion times if it was needed and yet be inextinguished. What is desired and needful is for all to take advantage of the death of Christ and believing in one's heart and accompanying such belief with an outward profession comes into the fold and therein abide. We are all saved. If all the world would believe, there is enough room for all in our Father's One Mansion. Alleluia.

PRAY you are most blessed in the Blessedness of the Savior God in Christ Jesus

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 25-26; 2 Corinthians 9

SEPTEMBER 17TH NOT ALL WHO DESCENDED FROM ABRAHAM ARE ABRAHAM'S

READ Romans 9:6 "However, it is not as though God's Word had failed [coming to nothing]. For it is not everybody who is a descendant of Jacob (Israel) who belongs to [the true] Israel."

The truth of Scripture is that there is the freewill for all the same that makes us accountable for all our actions and inactions. Where there is no freewill, then there can be no accountability. But since God will ultimately hold all accountable for our deeds and misdeeds, we are therefore reminded every now and then that we are no end in ourselves. But at the fullness of time, He Who gives Life to all in Himself will hold us accountable. Having said this much we now come to the other issue of realizing that as free agents we decide to do what we want and reject what we choose so to do. For this reason all who are biological children of Abraham but will not identify with the faith of Abraham the same that is the Faith of Christ are bastards as far as the issues of Faith and faithing are concerned. As a matter of truth, Abraham had a son before the Promised child Isaac. After Isaac the Promised child, there were a lot of other children of Abraham. But only in Isaac is the Promise fulfilled. Spiritually, all who will faith in the Faith of Christ for which Abraham is father are his even though they are not biologically related to him. This is another view of the doctrine of adoption. How much of this do you want to know?

PRAY you are very blessed in His knowledge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 27-29; 2 Corinthians 10

SEPTEMBER 18TH FURTHER ON THE NATURE OF GOD'S CHILDREN

READ Romans 9:8 "That is to say, it is not the children of the body [of Abraham] who are made God's children, but it is the offspring to whom the promise applies that shall be counted [as Abraham's true] descendants."

The implication of all we have posited so far in the truth of the Almighty is that spiritual adoption is what it is-spiritual. It is not determined by the natural semen of the man. You will notice that the semen that fertilized the egg in the Virgin Mary was of the Holy Ghost. As a result, flesh and blood have no say in the spiritual childhood we are talking about. Put another way, regardless of the situation of your birth, you are a candidate of heaven if the spiritual call sent to you is accepted, activated, and sustained in the power of the Holy Spirit. As a result, whether your mother was raped; or you were conceived out of wedlock; or worse still in this part of the world, Nigeria, where it is still customary for men to deny the paternity of a child; or whether or not you ever will know your biological father or mother if that is the case, you are saved if and only if you receive Jesus Christ. This is one of the wonders of the Good News of the Gospel. When in expounding on Deuteronomy 23 sometimes ago I ran into the passage, v.2

precisely in which the bastard is forbidden to join His assembly I felt very bad. But Grace is over all these. You are who you are not because of your biological root but by your spiritual being.

PRAY you are spiritually linked with the Almighty

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 30-31; 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

SEPTEMBER 19TH THE MYSTERY OF ADOPTION VERIFIED AND MAGNIFIED

READ Romans 9:10 "And not only that, but this too; Rebecca conceived [two sons under exactly the same circumstances] by our forefather Isaac,"

We give Glory to God. In my Theological class for the Doctorate students, we study what in Hebrew is called *Toldot* which is the principle in which God for reasons best known to Him and He is chooses one person over the other. We have seen how He chose Isaac over Ishmael as well as other children after Isaac by the same father Abraham. Here in this Scriptural piece, we are told of the truth and fact of the situation in which Rebecca conceived of two children at the same time by the same person and with all things equal except the selection of and by God. He chose the younger of the two who was Jacob the beloved despite knowing beforehand the kind of person he would be as seen in his name and naming. The elder for reasons not at all connected with what and who he was but certainly who and what he would be was discarded. This is the principle of selection or what some call rather as election. By this principle God chooses any and all who will do good according to His revealed will and purpose and grants them authority so to do while rejecting all others whom He foreknows to be evil as they are outside His revealed will and purpose. That the same semen that produced twins in the same womb at the same time led to two different and differing peoples magnifies the doctrine of adoption we have been expounding. Glory is God in the highest heavens, alleluia.

PRAY you are in the know of God Almighty always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ecclesiastes 1-3; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

SEPTEMBER 20TH SEEING GOD CARRY OUT HIS DESIGNED PURPOSE AND WILL

READ Romans 9:11 "And the children were yet unborn and had so far done nothing either good or evil. Even so, in order further to carry out God's purpose of selection (election, choice), which depends not on works or what men can do, but on Him Who calls [them],"

Here we are again examining the nitty gritty of the Word of God. Here are two babies in one mother. The mother you want to know had been married as a virgin. Yet for twenty years or so she was barren until she conceived. There were struggling in the womb of the woman prompting divine investigation where it was revealed that God's purpose was for the younger to be more blessed than the elderly while the elderly served the younger. Today's Scriptural piece focuses on the truth that the two babies had no hand in the planning of their future as neither had done evil or good. But to carry out God's purpose of selection also conceived as election the

same that is divine choice, which depends entirely on God who created them for His own pleasure and purpose, the younger was the preferred and he was thus the blessed. He is Jacob and renamed Israel meaning he had fought against God and man and prevailed. How he had done this is presently outside our purview. We conclude that God as the Almighty reserves the right to do as He pleases. Remember that Revelation 4:11 among others posits that all are created to please and suit the Creator the Same Who is God the Father. Amen.

PRAY you are satisfied in God's divine purpose

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ecclesiastes 4-6; 2 Corinthians 12

SEPTEMBER 21ST KNOWING GOD'S GIFT IS DEPENDENT ON GOD HIMSELF AND NOT THE SELF

READ Romans 9:16 "So then [God's gift] is not a question of human will and human effort, but of God's mercy. [It depends not on one's own willingness nor on his strenuous exertion as in running a race, but on God's having mercy on him]."

Still on the issue of election by the Almighty and all powerful God of the heavens. The purpose of gifting anyone is for effective functioning in the position he or she is placed. Put another way, God will enable one to be who or what he is simply for him or her to be what God has purposed him or her to be. Thus, one's calling determines one's enablement. It is as simple and direct as that. It is therefore foolhardy for anyone particularly the elect to ask God for specific gifts when one does not even know where and when one would function and how really. Except one already knows for sure through revelation that one is going to be a carpenter for instance, it is useless asking God for the knowledge of handling carpentry equipment. Joseph was a prophet but not the kind of Moses. He was a dreamer and interpreter of same. Moses was a wonder working prophet and an administrator. In the case of the prophet Daniel, he was a dreamer fully who needed to sleep before gaining his revelation although not destitute of God's way. Micaiah was simply a prophet who basked in the prophetic majestically. He told King Ahab by the Word of God that he would not return from the war safely except God has not spoken through him. We conclude that God's gift absolutely depends not on the strenuous exerting of the self, but on the mercies and purpose of God.

PRAY you are in His knowledge of the Word

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ecclesiastes 7-9; 2 Corinthians 13

SEPTEMBER 22ND UNDERSTANDING THE DOCTRINE OF THE REMNANT

READ Romans 9:27 "And Isaiah calls out (solemnly cries aloud) over Israel: Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea, only the remnant (a small part of them) will be saved [from perdition, condemnation, judgment]!"

By simple English word meaning, a remnant is only a few percentage of the whole. It is a small part of anything. We all know from our knowledge of Scripture that God did promise Jacob in

Abraham to bless his seed so much as to be like the stars of the heaven or better put like the sea shore sands. This eventually came to pass from just one man; indeed, one seed of his who was Isaac. In the wilderness, we have it on record that there were over 600,000 adult foot soldiers from between ages 18-55. This excluded the elderly who could not go to war as well as the younger ones under age 18. We do not count the females in their numerous numbers. Accordingly, Dakes F.J. asserts that over 10,000,000.00 Jews left Egypt for the Promised Land. But how many really entered the Promised Land among those who originally set out for same? Only Caleb and Joshua among the adults made it. For these two, the word remnant will be an overstatement. Of all who went into captivity in Babylon, and these again were in their thousands, only about 5000 eventually returned. These were the remnants. Coming to matters of salvation, we see that from the time of Abraham the father of Israel to now, millions have been born to the Jewish nation. From now until the tribulation, millions if not trillions would be born to the Jewish nation. If we reckon those to be saved in the tribulation through the millennium, we see that only a remnant of the Jews would be actually saved from spiritual perdition and condemnation. God's Word is truth whether or not you accept it.

PRAY you won't be ignorant of the Word of God already Inscriptured

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ecclesiastes 10-12; Galatians 1

SEPTEMBER 23RD WHY GENTILES OBTAINED RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH FAITH

READ Romans 9:30 "What shall we say then? That Gentiles who did not follow after righteousness [who did not seek salvation by right relationship to God] have attained it by faith [a righteousness imputed by God, based on and produced by faith],"

Before the coming of the Good news, salvation was based on the right relationship with God as per His commandments. This is the same thing as the righteousness of God. By this is meant being in the good books of the Almighty by doing good deeds as commanded. But the Gentiles, meaning none Jews who had no Laws of the Lord let alone knowing what to do to be in right doing with Him yet found Him. So how did they do this? Simply put, they found it through faithing in the Lord of the Jews Whom the Jews had rejected and disdained in their thoughts. They found Him by siding with Him in their hearts and doing what should have been done by the Jews. They found Him by faithing in Him. As a matter of fact and truth, Abraham found and knew God Whom He believed and obeyed when not yet a Jew; when he was yet a Gentile on his way out of Hur of the Chaldes the same that doubled as the way out of his Gentile root. So what are we saying? Salvation comes by God's imputation to those whom He has elected based on all our discussions of late. We are grateful that He has called us all through His Son Who has been made the propitiation of our sins. Remain blessed in Him permanently. Amen.

PRAY you are blessed in the Blessedness that is Jesus the Nazarene

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Song of Solomon 1-3; Galatians 2

SEPTEMBER 24TH NEVER STUMBLING ON THE STUMBLING STONE

READ Romans 9:32 "For what reason? Because [they pursued it] not through faith, relying [instead] on the merit of their works [they did not depend on faith but on what they could do]. They have stumbled over the Stumbling Stone."

Are you aware that Jesus Christ has many names written in the Bible but which we have not taken note of? One of same is this: **THE STUMBLING STONE.** A few Scriptural passages will convict you of this Truth. "*And He shall be a sanctuary [a sacred and indestructible asylum to those who reverently fear and trust in Him]; but He shall be a Stone of stumbling and a Rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem."-Isaiah 8:14.* Also we have it thus: "*For thus it stands in Scripture: Behold, I am laying in Zion a chosen (honored) precious chief Cornerstone, and he who beliefs in Him [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] shall never be disappointed or put to shame. To you then who believe (who adhere to, trust in, and rely on Him) is the preciousness; but for those who disbelieve [it is true], The [very] Stone which the builders rejected has become the main Cornerstone. And a Stone that will cause stumbling and a Rock that will give [men] offense; they stumble because they disobey and disbelieve [God's] Word, as those [who reject Him]\ were destined (appointed) to do."-1 Peter 2:6-8.* The point to note here is that for not believing and as a result disobeying the Word spoken by then prophets they are said to have stumbled on the Stumbling Stone Who is Jesus Christ. We conclude our discussions today with this text: "*We preach Christ (the Messiah) crucified, [preaching which] to the Jews is a scandal and an offensive stumbling block [that springs a snare or trap], and to the Gentiles it is absurd and utterly unphilosphical nonsense. But to those who are called, whether Jew or Greek (Gentile), Christ [is] the [Power of God and the Wisdom of God."-1 Corinthians 1:23-24. Alleluia.*

PRAY you will acknowledge the Stumbling Stone as you reverent and worshipfully fear Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Song of Solomon 4-5; Galatians 3

SEPTEMBER 25TH BLESSING THE LORD ALL THE TIME

READ Psalm 34:1 "I WILL bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

There is no option for every living being than to bless the Lord God all the days of our lives and living. How much do we pay for the oxygen we inhale every second? What payment do the plants make for the carbon dioxide they take in to exist and with which they produce food through photosynthesis? Talking about photosynthesis, how much do all inhabitants of the world pay for the sun without which we perish from extreme cold? Or better put, if there were no rivers of living waters and streams here and there, how will we survive? And who planned and supplied all the needed necessities of life apart from the Lord God? For these reasons alone we have to be appreciative of Him as we praise and thank Him daily if we are not to be most ungrateful! Over and above these, those of us who are the faithful; who are the call owe Him

abundant praises for ensuring we would reign in and with Him in eternity Life. So why hold back and why not spend the better part of your days on earth worshipping and praising the Lord God of the heavens! You are most blessed in Him always, alleluia.

PRAY you will know how to praise Him acceptably all days of your living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Song of Solomon 6-8; Galatians 4

SEPTEMBER 26TH ONE OF THE BLESSINGS OF FEARING THE LORD GOD

READ Psalm 34:7 'The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him [who revere and worship Him with awe] and each of them He delivers."

Many of us are aware of the ministry of the angels who serve God and His saints here on earth in total obedience to Him. So many of us are also aware of the guiding angels for each believer as provided for in Scripture. But not many of us are aware that the angel being referred to here is no other Personality than the Second Personality of the Godhead to Whom all angels are accountable and report t directly and indirectly. We have to thank God for the latest versions of the Holy Bible the same that allow us to know exactly what is meant in Scripture. Here we are told that the Son of God Himself Who died for us also takes charge of our living well, good, and abundantly here in the world as purposed by Him for all. He not only ensures a place for us in heaven, but also makes sure we are in His safe hands here on earth. As a result, He takes direct responsibility for our wellbeing as He encamps around us. This means He forms with His Body a fence of defense and offense around us such that no evil can ever penetrate us as long as He is assured of our reverential fear of Him. Isn't this magnanimous of His Lordship to play the Guard for the worm that is me! But this is what He is to all who will fearfully obey Him. Amen.

PRAY you are in the total reverential fearful worship of Christ Jesus

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 1-2; Galatians 5

SEPTEMBER 27TH OUR GOD IS GOOD AND TRULY TOO

READ Psalm 34:8 "O taste and see that the Lord [our God] is good! Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who trusts and take refuge in Him."

When we say our God is good what do we mean and what exactly does it mean Scripturally and otherwise**?** Good here simply means He does only things that are in consonance with His purposive will and decrees. He never creates or does evil as all He does is the right and righteous. When for instance you see someone being extremely impoverished or suffering unbearably even when he or she is a faithful, there is no evil in it even though we may not know the exact reasons for His allowing him or her to be that subjected. Remember the born blind of forty years old to whom Jesus declared sin is not the cause of his predicament; but rather the will of the Almighty. The Bible declares and I agree absolutely that all the Lord God does is good. His intention in creating the world and us is for our good. Evil and its attendant consequences

come to life through the abundance and abounding sin. But glory is God that where there is sin, there is the super abounding Grace of the Father in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PRAY you are in His goodness all days of your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 3-4; Galatians 6

SEPTEMBER 28TH NO LACKING FOR ALL WHO TRULY FEAR AND REFERENT THE LORD

READ Psalm 34:9 "O fear the Lord, you His saints [revere and worship Him]! For there is no want to those who truly revere and worship Him with godly fear."

The Psalter in the 23rd Psalm has avowed that the Lord is his Shepherd, to feed, guide, and shield. As a result, he cannot want any good things of life. What I first want to add here is that the good things of life may be necessary persecution and trials as our Lord and Savior experienced resulting in His death and eventual resurrection. Without His first dying, there was no way He would have resurrected; and there wouldn't have been any glorification for Him. His death was the necessary condition for His glory and glorying that He shouldn't lack. Unfortunately for us humans, we don't want anything that is suffering laden or trials oriented. Yet without them we cannot be who and what we are. Any who truly worships God referentially and fearfully too cannot lack any good thing of life and living as defined above. All necessary ingredients of righteous growth will be made available for and to him as the Lord guides and guards his steps in coming in and going out. As a result, whatever comes the way of the Righteous is God ordained as specified by Him. You can't go through trials and sufferings without God's prediction of same usually before it occurs as it was the case of Christ. Of a truth, there is no lacking or any want for all who will remain faithful.

PRAY you are in full understanding of the Scriptural piece here expounded

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 5-6; Ephesians 1

SEPTEMBER 29TH WEARING YOURSELF HOARSE?

READ Proverbs 23:4 "Weary not yourself to be rich; cease from your own [human] wisdom."

Our Lord God of the heavens is in control of the universe. There is no doubt about this; unless any wants to deceive himself or herself. There is nothing that came into existence on its own out of what He has created. This much we are told in John 1. He created all things and beings, whether heavenly, earthly, or in the nether part of the world. He not only created them but also equips all for effective living and sustenance. That is why the carnivorous mammals are not starving to death for want of meat. They are equipped to kill and eat raw meat without any adverse effect. Can you imagine a big cat or even a lion without speed, power, and prowess to survive? Who equipped him with all the necessities of living except the Mighty Lord God? The point I am driving at is this. In John 3:27 the apostle John the baptizer declares most powerfully that a man can appropriate nothing unto himself except it is first given to him in heaven. If then

I can't and won't do anything successfully here on earth no matter my effort unless it is my portion as determined by Their Excellencies, of what use is wearying myself over any and all things! You will do well to relax and see God manifests His plans for your life. Amen.

Pray you are this blessed

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 7-8; Ephesians 2

SEPTEMBER 30TH KNOWING THAT RICHES CAN BE EAGLES AND FLY AWAY

READ Proverbs 23:5 "Will you set your eyes upon wealth, when [suddenly] it is gone? For riches certainly make themselves wings, like an eagle that flies toward the heavens."

We bless the name of the Lord for His revelation and expounding of His revelations to us all particularly through this medium. I cannot be grateful enough to the Lord for this wonderful opportunity He has given us and will continue to giving us in this our sojourn here on earth. Blessed be His holy and mighty name. I thank God I have been in money by any human standard. I have been beyond the convenient position of just been able to meet my demands. And I had fallen from this convenient position to a level next to begging as I owed school fees of my children in arrears. I have learnt that riches are not worth anything but instruments to showcase the righteousness of the Lord God as instructed. If my life is transient, you tell me of what value is riches, my riches to me when I am gone or even when I am here unless put to righteous use as instructed by Him? It is the most unwise thing for anybody to be assured not of the Lord Who does and provides all things but in transient riches which are here today and tomorrow are nowhere. Does the throne endure forever? If it does, then why have many dynasties or kingly families? Indeed, nothing endures forever except of course the Power and Might of the Almighty. In Him alone I put my all. Amen. What about you?

PRAY you are this blessed in His knowledge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 9-10; Ephesians 3

OCTOBER 1ST JUST ONE THING TO ASK THE LORD GOD ALWAYS

READ Psalm 27:4 "One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek, inquire for, and [consistently] require: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord [in His presence] all days of my life, to behold and gaze upon the beauty [the sweet attractiveness and the delightful loveliness] of the Lord and to meditate, consider, and inquire in His temple."

I have the great privilege of being birthed and raised in a prophetic ministry. All days of my life, I have been nurtured in the prophetic until I myself was anointed His prophet and chief servant of His mission under my trust. It is customary for the Holy Spirit after a series of revelation to instruct that we all silently and secretly ask what we want of the Lord before the dismissal of the ministering spirit of God. All throughout, except when compelled by God Himself through His Holy Spirit, I have asked that God should preserve me unto Himself, making me be what and

who He alone has ordained and doing all He could meaning all He needs do to make me tow His line and stay on course till death is permitted to fulfill his mission on my physical body for greater manifestation of His Glory in me. God knows I am telling the truth, and I am not lying. As a matter of truth, there is no need to lie as the prayer is always silent, hidden, and secretive. The point I am making here is just agreeing totally with the Psalter here that all we all need require of the Lord is to abide in His House always doing what He alone has created us for and ensuring that we do not veer off the ladder of righteousness. I humbly identify with this and urge you all to identify with same.

PRAY you are this blessed in Him always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 11-13; Ephesians 4

OCTOBER 2ND CRYING TO THE LORD GOD IN MY DISTRESS

READ Psalm 77:2 "In the day of my trouble I seek (inquire of and desperately require) the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out [in prayer] without slacking up; I refuse to be comforted."

It is impossible that the day of trouble and turbulence not come to life. We are to live with and grow in same. This has been our course since the fall in Eden. There is no dying that truth or avoiding same. If Jesus while He was here as seen in John 12:27 lamented being in the course of dying for man and would have sought an escape as He actually did but for submitting to the will of the Lord the same that strengthened Him through the trials, who are we then to avoid troublous times? No one ever prays for troublous times. But we need to pray through them as fervent as we can and with all our strength. This is one lesson the Gethsemane episode of the Lord leaves us with. It was the only time the Savior prayed violently to His Father so much that the sweat from His vein was likened to the roll of blood falling off Him. This is the kind of prayer the Psalter here is advocating for all faithful in the midst of the heat of bearing our crosses. I can't bear your cross for you nor can you bear mine. Everyone must bear his or her own cross. Yet, we can be of tremendous assistance to ourselves by intercessory prayers and praying. May we all be blessed this much in Him amen.

PRAY you are able to pray this prayer

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 14-16; Ephesians 5:1-16

OCTOBER 3RD WILL THE LORD CAST OFF FOREVER AND NEVER BE FAVORABLE AGAIN?

READ Psalm 77:7 "Will the Lord cast off forever? And will He be favorable no more?"

I wish I could answer these two related questions on my own. But this is carnal and not the will of the Lord Who Himself commends this work and study. God never casts off forever; no; not even with His renegade humans. Otherwise, we would have been consumed all of us. Recollect that before His Grace becomes this manifest, when at the initial stage, the Adams defaulted on

His instructions; He never cast them off permanently. Yes! He sent them out of His Garden. But not without His show of mercy in the cladding of them in animal skins the same that both stood for physical and spiritual protection and preservation. Even in the shedding of the blood of the animals used in the provision of the skin, He foreshadowed the coming of the Lord of the universe Who is His only begotten Son for us all at the fullness of time. No! God never casts off forever. He casts off no doubt if we are unrepentantly committed to our own way. But on His own because of His nature, He always makes a way of return for us. Whether or not we ply that way is our own responsibility. He cannot by His nature close His eyes of compassion on the sons of men. This accounts for why His abode permanently will be with the sons of men as seen in Revelation 21. Remember that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceaseth, His mercies is never come to an end; they are new every morning; Great is Thy faithfulness O Lord! You are blessed Mighty and Loving Father.

PRAY you will never frustrate His loving-kindness over you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 17-19; Ephesians 5:17-33

OCTOBER 4TH DOES GOD'S ANGER SHUT UP HIS COMPASSION?

READ Psalm 77:9 "Has God [deliberately] abandoned or forgotten His graciousness? Has He in anger shut up His compassion? Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!"

There wouldn't have been need for this other write up in the context of yesterday's ministration but for the truth that His Word is renewed in our hearts daily and always in His power. Today's focus really is whether or not God ever deliberately or otherwise abandons or forgets His graciousness. I have sometimes in this work addressed this issue. Yet I will review it again here. What is grace and by implication being gracious from which graciousness is formed? Grace is the exemplary show of undeserved favor shown by the Godhead towards us sons of men in the giving of His salvation to us undeservedly. From this, we know that graciousness is the ability and willingness on the part of the Godhead so to do. It is more of the willingness; for possessing the ability is not the same as willing to use same in one's favor or otherwise. God never forgets anything as forgetfulness is not complimentary but speaks of a hindrance. If God were to forget anything, how then can He be God? How can He connect to our remote past and our distant future? How could He handle the eternity Life that is agelessness? Indeed, how can He be God that He is? He surely does not forget even though He deliberately refuses to remember some things particularly our sins. To answer the question straight and plainly, God never gives up on His graciousness. It is a unique feature of His.

PRAY you are man enough in the Lord to be this gracious always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 20-22; Ephesians 6

OCTOBER 5TH KNOWING THE WONDERS OF GOD ALREADY DEMONSTRATED IN HIS PEOPLES

READ Psalm 77:14 "You are the God Who does wonders; You have demonstrated Your power among the peoples."

Another feature or better put nomenclature of the Godhead is wonder working from which we have coined out wonderful. His existence alone is wonderful. Coming into His understanding is also a reflection of His wonder working nature in the power of His Holy Spirit. No one has ever come into His knowledge without His lifting him up Himself in His might. He is wonderful to summarize all our comments this much. But this is not simply the focus today. We have in our hands the issue of knowing or rather coming into the knowledge of the wonder working God already revealed to His peoples. If one does not come into such knowledge at all, I wonder how one would be able to comprehend the much complex wonders that are yet to befall the universe in His glorious return to our planet. How much of His creation are you given to know? By this I mean how much have you allowed yourself to know? Let's put it straight; how much of the written Word also called the Bible do you know? How much of yourself is given to the searching out of His hidden treasures of the Scripture? This is the focus of today's message. You must search out the Bible yourself but in His power. Amen.

PRAY you are in the thorough searching out of Scripture

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 23-25; Philippians 1

OCTOBER 6TH KNOWING THE WATERS OF THE RED SEA SHUDDERED AT HIS PRESENCE

READ Psalm 77:16 "When the waters [at the Red Sea and the Jordan] saw You, O God, they were afraid; the deep shuddered also, for [all] the waters saw You."

In Psalm 114, we are told the Sea saw God as well as the Jordan both of which drew back. Today, we are told that the waters of both the Sea of Reeds as well as the Jordan shuddered at the sight of the Lord God of hosts. This means in part they were afraid and surprised at the sight of the Living Lord and God. Why? It is because of the unusual sight and seeing of the Lord. For them to recognize Him, they must have met Him previously or have been briefed of His Personality or both. Whatever it was, they knew quite well it was not the usual for them to see the Lord God of creation Himself in their own abode. So you can understand the wondering. Whatever the situation, they recognized Him. If the inanimate relative to us see, know, and acknowledge the Lord God of creation, what will be your own excuse for refusing to knowing and acknowledging Him? How, would you explain that you never saw Him let alone be baffled at His sight? Perhaps more importantly, brethren, how would you feel to finally meet Him for the first time in eternity, whether Life or Death and discover that you have lived a life of waste in not making use of the Almighty to shoring up your being here? Why not make the best of His Presence in your life from today? You are most blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY God is your Lord as you remain living here

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 26-27; Philippians 2

OCTOBER 7TH ANOTHER LOOK OF THE MYSTERY OF THE LORD GOD THROUGH THE SEA

READ Psalm 77: 19 "Your way [in delivering Your people] was through the sea, and Your paths through the great waters, yet Your footsteps were not traceable, but were obliterated."

Verse 20 completed the mystery that is our God in His mysterious way as it was recorded that He, God the Mystery led His people like a flock by the hands of Moses and Aaron. How you want to pose? Was it by personally leading them as you and I would? Yes and no; meaning that He Personally led them, but certainly not the way you and I would. For whereas we are blood and flesh, He is God the Spirit from Whom all the spiritual take their source. Why did He choose the way of the waters when the ground that was dry was readily available? But why not use the way of the waters since He is Lord of both land and the sea? In other words, there is no reason why He couldn't do whatever He chooses to do His own way as nothing is ever impossible with and in Him. But perhaps on a more serious note; if He hadn't used the way of the sea how would He have been the Wonder working God Who alone does the seemingly impossible? How would you and I have known that there is no restriction with and in Him as long as we are on His course? These and many others caused the waters to shudder at the sight of the Almighty and to reference Him the more. One more thing though. He chose to lay the foundation of the earth on the running waters yet, the solid earth has never sunk therein. See our Mystery and Mysterious God the Lord! Alleluia.

PRAY you are no more ignorant of His way

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 28-29; Philippians 3

OCTOBER 8TH TELLING THE PRAISEWORTHY DEEDS OF THE ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 78:4 "We will not hide them from their children, but we will tell to the generation to come the praiseworthy deeds of the wonderful works that He has performed."

Not to hide anything is to make it manifest for manifestation is the opposite of hiding in the context we are talking. Here is the Psalter in the congregation of the Lord God avowing his readiness with others never to keep away the wonder working nature of our God. Rather, they are prepared to tell it in their own generation as well as those to come after them the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord God. If they are praiseworthy, it means in fact, not keeping His wonders is telling it to all through His Praises. We have had the opportunity severally in this edition to examine what constitutes the praises of the Lord. It is of course blessing Him in His works major of which is you and me. We are His greatest praiseworthy creation who is made in His own image and given to be lord of this earth only to His own praise and glory. Thus, if we refuse to acknowledge Him and to tell of His might in our being and in our environment, we refuse to manifest Him and by so doing we fail in our major responsibility. It is our obligation to praise the Lord in our all as in doing this we energize His Being in us to accomplish all He has purposed for us. Not to do this is to cripple unwittingly, His power over and in us. Save O Lord from such wanton waste, amen.

PRAY we are His Living manifestation gloriously always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 30-31; Philippians 4

OCTOBER 9TH ONE REASON TO MANIFEST HIS PRAISEWORTHINESS

READ Psalm 78:7 "That they might set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but might keep His commandments."

One other reason for telling the Glory and manifestation of God as it is, is the need for the coming generation to know Him as He is and for Who He is. He is God Who can never ever lie as lying is most strange to Him. He is ever faithful Who will never renege on His Word or promise once given. He is most merciful and compassionate as He never does to us as we to Him but always considers our weak frame and therefore bears with us always. He is able and abundantly too as there is no impossibilities with and in Him. Consequently, the best good any person can do to himself is to repose total and absolute confidence in Him and not confiding in themselves or in mortal beings who are today and no more tomorrow. Moreover, it will let them not forget the works and miracles of God as reposing trust in Him based on our own true testimonies will always engender a remembrance of His goodness in their hearts. Accordingly, not telling His testimony or hoarding His testimonials is doing a lot of havoc to the self as well as to those coming behind us. Glory is God in the highest heavens alleluia, amen.

PRAY you will testify of His goodness in your life always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 32-33; Colossians 1

OCTOBER 10TH AVOIDING NOT BEING LIKE YOUR STUBBORN FATHER

READ Psalm 78:8 "And might not be as their fathers-a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that set not their hearts aright nor prepared their hearts to know God, and whose spirits were not steadfast and faithful to God."

In the absence of righteous testimony of the wonder working God, all manner of evil is possible. A few of them are here listed in the Scriptural piece for today. Apart from forgetting the wonders of creation, there is the genuine possibility of following after the status quo the same which they found their rebellious and unrighteous fathers and mothers doing without actually knowing the consequences of such wanton acts. One major consequence of apostasy is not setting one's heart on the Living God but in any and everything in the name and fake power of god. Another is not actually coming into the knowledge of God. As a matter of divine truth and fact as well, people need be taught of God before they can come into His knowledge at all. For this God instructed the Israelites to teach their children always and everywhere the knowledge of Him. This much is seen in Deuteronomy 6. Romans 10 also highlights the need for the message to be preached and taught to all. This was again the content of the Great Commission in which Christ admonished all to go teaching all the days of our lives. Not teaching His Word is

laying the ground for the generation after us to not learn to lay their hearts steadfastly on Him Who alone is able. Let us go teaching, teaching, and telling His testimonies, amen.

PRAY you preach Him; teach Him; testify Him; and Live Him all your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 34-36; Colossians 2

OCTOBER 11TH TELLING OF HIS MARVELOUS WORKS IN THE LAND OF EGYPT AND ZOAN

READ Psalm 77:12 "Marvelous things did He in the sight of their fathers in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan [where Pharaoh resided]."

Egypt occupies a unique place in the workings of the Lord God for His people. First it was Egypt God referred to without being specific when He assured Abraham that his descendants would slave for 400 years and would be freed later while the nation they would slave for would later be punished thereto. It was in Egypt that God showed His wondrous works in the now commonly known as the ten plagues which are indeed foreshadowing what God is going to do in the latter days as He would deal with the antichrist. I don't have the time here to listing all the marvelous things God did in Pharaoh's Egypt. The most important however was the killing of all the firstborn of the Egyptians both man and animal while preserving all the Israelites children unharmed. In this God showed His supremacy over all the Egyptian gods major among whom were the ten against which the plagues were directed. Besides, God showed through the destruction of the Egyptians in the Sea of Reeds that He is God in the heavens and on the earth as well as the nether part of the earth. Besides, God used the exodus and the experiences He allowed the Israelites to go through as the foundation of what He expects from all faithful who are now peopling His Church on earth. In this, the Egyptian experience is unparalleled in the annals of mankind and will forever be relevant in Christendom, alleluia.

PRAY you are blessed in the knowledge of the most High as Inscriptured

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 37-38; Colossians 3

OCTOBER 12TH KNOWING THE PITFALL OF PREVIOUS GENERATION OF THE SAINTS

READ Psalm 78:17 "Yet they still went on to sin against Him by provoking and rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness (in the land of drought)."

As noted yesterday, the experience of the Israelites in the wilderness was indeed a foreshadow of the typical journey and journeying of the average Christian as we water through the flood that is the world in which we are condemned as it is to live until our final redemption. Yes! God knowingly set out the Israelites through the wilderness. They would have being in the Promised Land three months after leaving Egypt as noted by God Himself. But apart from the possibility of turning back from God if they were to see warfare with the Philistines, God wanted them to learn His way which is not at all rosy as the world would want to paint same. So in the wilderness God deliberately allowed them to suffer and hunger such that they could see His

wondrous works and believed in Him the more. But what did they do? Instead of crying unto God for the challenges they were facing the same which would have toughened them in the Way, they rebelled against God and His anointed Moses and Aaron and in rebellion thought of first killing Moses and thereafter returning to Egypt from where they had just been freed. This they did until they all perished in the wilderness. From this we should all learn for this is the purpose of writing the story in Scripture.

PRAY you will not be found wanting in His Grace as all the other rebel believers

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 39-40; Colossians 4

OCTOBER 13TH LEARNING TO EAT THE BREAD OF THE MIGHTY

READ Psalm 78:25 "Everyone ate the bread of the mighty [man ate angel's food]; God sent them meat in abundance."

Part of the wondrous and miraculous works of God was the eating of angelic food by the sons of men in the wilderness for about forty years. Before this, God had in Exodus 24 come down from heaven in thick clouds and deep darkness and gave Moses and the 70 elders with him a banquet of heavenly food and drink in heavenly dishes. This eating was to make them trust in Him unalloyed and to repose confidence in the Almighty without any reservations. Certain deductions can be made from this. One is the truth that food is eaten in heaven. Secondly, we know the kind of food eaten in heaven as the Bible calls it heavenly corn. Next is the truth that if we trust in God and not lean on our own ability which is nothing, we would have the best of the Almighty Who alone reigns in Zion and Who is Lord and God of all. But the truth of the issue or the significance of same lies in the lesson they refused to learn from this revelation of the miraculous as all who ate at the banquet as well in the wilderness died of unbelief except the kids for whom the parents feared. The point is whatever we do for God and in Him must be in the Faith of His Son Jesus Christ. Anything short of this is not worth it. Alleluia.

PRAY you will grow in the Faith of Christ Jesus

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 41-42; 1 Thessalonians 1

OCTOBER 14TH WHY GOD CONSUMED THEIR DAY LIKE A BREATH

REAS Psalm 78:33 "Therefore their days He consumed like a breath [in emptiness, falsity, and futility] and their years in terror and sudden haste."

As good and marvelous as our God Who lives in the highest point of the heavenly is, He is the worst of an adversary any can have in the universe even for just a second. Why? The Bible in Psalm 2:1 says if He is annoyed just for a second, one is consumed. The wrong idea must not be imbibed that God does not go angry or that He is never given to anger. There is nothing as worst as this. What do you think made Him to destroy all the firstborn in Egypt? Joy? Certainly, it was His anger. And why do you think He destroyed all the eighteen years and above Israelites in the

wilderness and would not allow them to see the Promised Land, Joy? Certainly it was His anger. And why are we still dying till today and till tomorrow? His joy or what? No. It is His anger. So when they provoked Him in the wilderness and would not listen to His voice, He had no option than to destroy them the way He did. Indeed, except for the intervention of Moses, He would have destroyed them all within the twinkle of an eye. The lesson to be learnt here is that we should not exercise and entertain unbelief. This is the worst of sin the believer is prone to in the Grace. Unbelief always leads to rebellion against His order which He cannot accommodate. Save us from this O Lord.

Pray you are blessed perpetual in His Grace, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 43-44; 1 Thessalonians 2

OCTOBER 15TH WHEN IT IS INCUMBENT TO REMEMBER GOD AS THE ONLY ROCK OF AGES

RESAD Psalm 78:35 "And they [earnestly] remembered that God was their Rock, and the Most High their Redeemer."

The only time when man naturally tends to call upon the Lord is when they are in turbulence or persecution. As a matter of truth, there is a song that captures this scenario as man can naturally manage adversity. Thus in times of trouble it becomes incumbent upon man to seek help usually from the God of their salvation. But this is talking of the unregenerate man. For the faithful, we do not have to wait until God uses His big stick before we seek and rely on Him. God is always there for us. In this Grace dispensation, God leaves in us. As a result, it will be disastrous for any who has been born again and has been called into the Commonwealth of the faithful to go out of Him for any reason. Not even death or life; not even joy or sadness; not any above or beneath the heavens should be able to take us off the Joy that is our God and Lord. This much is noted in Romans 11:33 which I will urge you in the name of God to read now. In today's Scriptural piece, when they habitually rebelled against Him, He had to use the big stick. Then they came running to Him. Never ever let this be your portion again amen.

PRAY you are blessed enormously in remaining in the Faith

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YU TODAY-Isaiah 45-46; 1 Thessalonians 3

OCTOBER 16TH FLATTERING GOD WITH YOUR MOUTH? NO, NEVER EVER

READ Psalm 78:36 "Nevertheless they flattered Him with their mouths and lied to Him with their tongues."

To flatter you want to be reminded is to say what you don't mean to someone with the intention of getting a favor from him or her. It is professing friendship when indeed one is the worst enemy. How any can think of doing this to the Almighty is what piques me. If any knows Who the Almighty is and what He can do, no one would ever venture to flatter Him. But in religious terms, what is it to flatter God? By simple definition, it is just coming to church without

having God in one. It is mere profession of faith when in the actual sense one's heart is not in the profession. It is for this reason that we do not involve ourselves as a Missions in outward baptism in that the outward is meant to be a true reflection of the internal. There is no way one can prove that the outward matches the internal. God in Christ also provides that if one would first believe in one's heart and truly too, and then confesses with one's mouth that Jesus is Lord, then one is saved. But peradventure one does not truly believe in one's heart, but makes the profession nevertheless, one is thus guilty of flattering the same that is even worse than lying. Lying has to be done or could be done against one usually behind one. Flattering on the other hand is more of a face to face profession. No one needs flatter God. He knows even what you have not known or would ever know. So be truthful always.

PRAY you are always truthful

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 47-49; 1 Thessalonians 4

OCTOBER 17TH NEVER LET HIM SEND HIS CATERPILLARS

READ Psalm 78:46 "He gave also their crops to the caterpillar and [the fruit of] their labor to the locust."

The caterpillar literally is the lava of the butterfly or rather a stage thereof capable of destroying through eating of any and everything green in the field. I pray you never know the impact of their destruction power. They also at sometimes are called the locusts which were once sent by God through Moses to destroy all the green plants of Egypt. Whether literal and or figurative, the locusts cum caterpillars are destroyers or better put devourers as used in Scripture. They represent a host of the armies of God Almighty that He deploys to eat up the resources and the lifeline of His enemies as He would deem fit. He used this for the enemies of His Cross in Egypt on a little magnitude. In the future to come, He would deploy them to fight His enemies under the aegis of the antichrist in the tribulation period. Occasionally too, God deploys them to bring back His errant child into His Wisdom when it becomes necessary. In all, I am urging you never to allow God to deploy these hosts of His army against you. Apart from their dreadfulness, when God fights you who can you go to, to free you from the arrows of His attack? If it were the enemies of His, it is easy to run to God. But who does one run to when one has God for an adversary? May you never be on the receiving side of the Almighty. Go ask the Egyptians what it was to be on the receiving side of God's armor.

PRAY you are far above His punishing arm reserved for the disobedient

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 50-52; 1 Thessalonians 5

OCTOBER 18TH NEVER EVER LET HIM BE A DESTROYER OF YOUR GOOD

READ Psalm 78:47 "He destroyed their vines with hail and their sycamore trees with frost and [great chunks of] ice."

Ordinarily, God is not associated with destruction even though He Himself declared in Isaiah 54 that He created the destroyer to destroy. Why He is not usually associated with destruction is not unconnected with our over classification of Satan as the number one and only destroyer. You have to note that nothing chances into existence and nothing can take place without either the explicit authorization of the Lord or His permissive will. As a result, He also destroys. As a matter of truth, there would have been no destroyer if God has never made way for one. Besides, I have always maintained and taught that the power that creates also can destroy. As a matter of truth, destroying is easier and simpler than building. God created the heavens and the earth in just six days. But when He sent the flood of Noah to the earth, it was just in 40 days; whereas it took over a year for the flood to dry up. Who sent famine into the land of Israel for three and a half years under the reign of King Ahab if not the Lord God Almighty? When at the time of King David there was famine for another three years because of the Gibeonites whom King Saul wanted to exterminate, who sent the famine if not the Lord God? No doubt, God Himself created the destroyers no matter how you want to look at it. Finally the Bible in 1 Corinthians 15:26 tells us that death is the last enemy to be destroyed. By Who you want to ask if not the Lord of lords and the God of gods?

PRAY you do not fall prey to the divine destroyer

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 53-55; 2 Thessalonians 1

OCTOBER 19TH WHEN HE LET LOOSE THE FIERCENESS OF HIS ANGER

READ Psalm 78:49 "He let loose upon them the fierceness of His anger, His wrath and indignation and distress, by sending [a mission of] angels of calamity and woe among them."

If you want to believe it, we are still talking of the wonders that the Lord had wrought in the land of the Pharaoh when He had to forcefully free His firstborn Israel. He told Pharaoh through Moses, Israel was My firstborn, let him go failing which I will kill and destroy your firstborn as well as the land. This is the same thing as well letting loose the fierceness of His anger, His wrath, and indeed His indignation when He sent the mission of His angels of calamity. Talking about the angels of calamity, you are well aware that when Satan moved King David to number people with the aim of glorying in the flesh, God sent just one angel who destroyed seventy thousand adult male in just three days. You can imagine what His angels of calamity will accomplish if let loose particularly when you consider the truth that Jesus did not allow His Father to send twelve legions of these calamitous angels on His captors. A legion then was between three to six thousand angels. What I am led to put across to you here now is that God in His power and wonder will never turn against you forever and ever amen. We used to have a powerful patriarch for a prophet in those days when we were young. Almost in all his revivals and he was a revivalist he would start off with the Song "*Never be against me Lord".* We little understood his wordings then. But now I do very well. May God never be your adversary, no, never.

PRAY you will never be in want of God's friendship

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 56-58; 1 Thessalonians 2

WHEN AND HOW GOD WILL ALLOW THE ENEMIES LAND TO THE CHOSEN

READ Psalm 78:55 "He drove out the nations also before [Israel] and allotted their land as a heritage, measured out and partitioned; and He made the tribes of Israel to dwell in the tents of those dispossessed."

At the fullness of God's predetermined time, He would fulfill all His Promises without any let. This is our God for you and all who profess faith and truth in Him must come to terms with this truth. Why would a Righteous God send out a people from their land and allot same to another? It is because in His Righteousness those dispossessed are not righteous. Righteousness, His Righteousness really commands that He dispossesses them of the possession He had earlier given them. No one forces Him to giving them the possession in the first instance. They were His from the beginning of creation. He is free to use them as deemed fit and what is more He is not answerable to Himself let alone to anybody. Besides, He as the Creator God is free to re-allot any part of the universe to whoever He wants after all, He has promised to be merciful unto whoever and be gracious to whoever. If in the process He decides to be ungracious to you who can take Him on, on this; or if in His opinion He wants you destroyed just because He deems it so fitting, who can hold Him accountable? For these reasons and others not shown here, He is free to act as He wills. Our prayer is for Him to be favorably disposed towards us and all that are ours. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are this favored

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 59-61; 2 Thessalonians 3

OCTOBER 21ST ARE YOU AWARE OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUS ANGER?

READ Psalm 78:58 "For they provoked Him to [righteous] anger with their high places [for idol worship] and moved Him to jealousy with their graven images."

Anger as an emotion is not necessarily evil otherwise the Bible would not have admonished us to be angry but without sinning. As a matter of truth, the Lord would not have endowed us with the anger emotion for all He ever created was good as noted in chapter 1 of Genesis. But all good things are subject to evil use. The point here today is God also exhibits anger and this we have examined of late in our discussion. In Psalm 2:11 we are warned of the consuming nature of God's divine and righteous anger and this is the point I am driving at today. God exhibits righteous anger and when He does the consequences not just a consequence are never within human comprehension. Can you imagine God Who created us in His image and provides all good things of life for us and thereby sustains us being rivaled by inanimate objects as lord and god! And when His own Redeemed practice this repeatedly, they leave Him with no option than to punish them for their imprudence. Here the Scripture says they provoked Him. This means it is quite possible to provoke the Almighty. May we never ever do this again all our lives, amen.

PRAY you are watchful of God's righteous anger always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 62-64; 1 Timothy 1

OCTOBER 22ND ONE EVIL CONSEQUENCE OF HIS RIGHTEOUS ANGER

READ Psalm 78:60 "So that He forsook the tabernacle at Shiloh, the tent in which He had dwelt among men [and never returned to it again],"

Shiloh situated in the Ephraim region of the Promised Land was the initial habitation of the Lord of Hosts Who dwelled among the Cherubim, His Cherubim really. It was there the people worshipped Him and He met with them as one would meet with his own children. The tabernacle then as much as now was symbolic of the Presence of the Holy and mighty God of the heavens dwelling among the human which His hands had made. Despite the holy presence of the God of the heavens among them, they still went awhoring. By simple illustration it is like your married wife for whom you have left all bringing into the matrimonial home and bed her man friend while you are there and repeatedly doing this with and in impunity. What would you do? I do not know what I would do but for sure I know what I would not do. This impunity led God to desert His own dwelling place among His own and with this He left them to their invention and the consequences of same. Having been forced out as it were, He never ever returned to Shiloh as it became despicable throughout the reign of the Kings of Israel. May we never ever force God out of our lives and living, amen.

PRAY you will never be a deserter of the Holy God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 65-66; 1 Timothy 2

OCTOBER 23RD WHEN GOD WILL RENEGE ON HIS STRENGTH AND GIVE UP ON SAME

READ Psalm 78:61 "And delivered His strength and power (the ark of the covenant) into captivity, and His glory into the hands of the foe (the Philistines)."

Another consequence of His righteous anger in which He decides to get out of His own as He allows His own to go their way and face the wrath is giving them up to their enemies. This was not the first time He was doing this and I am sure He would still do it over and over again. There was the time in the wilderness when they craved for meat unrighteously. He gave them their hearts desire, but sent leanness upon them all who craved unrighteously. Here again as they would not hearken to His Words which are Laws in heaven and on earth and after repeated warnings sold them to their enemies. This is one weapon God often uses when He is pushed to the extreme. Before all this and from the foundation of the earth, He was pushed and mystified by our sins that He gave up on His only begotten Son for the sons of men who were His enemies to do unto Him as they wanted. In the same manner, God's strength in us that deters the enemy from getting over us He would always take away in His righteous anger. Accordingly God's glory in us the same that enables us to be glorious in this earth He would leave for desecration each time we push Him to that level through our persistent recalcitrance. Save us from this O Lord.

PRAY you will not be unruly to the Lord God your strength

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 1-2; 1 Timothy 3

OCTOBER 24TH REJECTION IN ITS TOTALITY AS ANOTHER EFFECT OF HIS RIGHTEOUS ANGER

READ Psalm 78:67 "Moreover, He rejected the tent of Joseph and chose not the tribe of Ephraim [in which the tabernacle had been accustomed to stand]."

Rejection is the same as disowning what used to be one's own previously. It is the same thing as repudiating one's ownership of a thing or a person or even an inheritance. Of course, repudiation will be of no effect if it is not accompanied with the loss of the benefits hitherto going with the earlier and initial ownership. This is the point we are focusing today. You will recollect that God chose Joseph over all His brethren and even in Joseph He preferred Ephraim over his elder brother Manasseh. It was the preference He showed for Joseph and if Joseph Ephraim that led to the selection by Him of Shiloh as His initial habitation ever since Israel came out of Egypt. But when they provoked Him to anger and Ephraim was in the forefront of this provocation, He had no option than to reject the tent of Joseph and with it the tribe of Ephraim. One consistent effect of God's Righteous anger as here seen is that once He turns His back on this situation, He hardly returns to its pre-provocation state. Here He rejected Joseph and in His place He chose Judah as Christ eventually came from Judah and Jerusalem his habitation housed the Temple which replaced the tabernacle. So watch out brethren. God could turn against you. So reverent Him awesomely.

PRAY He will not reject you at all rather praying for restoration

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 3-5; 1 Timothy 4

OCTOBER 25TH CHOOSING JUDAH IN PLACE OF SHILOH

READ Psalm 78:68 "But He chose the tribe of Judah [as Israel's leader], Mount Zion, which He loved [to replace Shiloh as His capital]."

For you to truly appreciate the principle of rejection in its dastard effect and the consequent goodness in being a replacement, let us reexamine the issue of Vashti and Esther. Vashti was the Queen in the empire and was second to the Emperor himself in terms of honor and influence. But when for once she flouted the authority of her husband who was the seal of her honor, she was cast out and never allowed to see and relate to the King again. Despite her beauty that qualified her for the enviable position then, she was consigned to antiquity while living. Since nature whether divine or natural abhors a vacuum, a replacement was sought and what happened, a slave girl who was not worth the servant of the deposed Queen was chosen and she became the replacement to the arrogant and vain seeking Queen Vashti. The same scenario played out in the choosing of the tribe of Judah as the worthy replacement for Ephraim and Mount Zion for Shiloh. He who plays the piper dictates the tune. God of the heavens determines

what is your portion but how well you conduct yourself can influence how much He would use you.

PRAY you will not be a reject

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 6-8; 1 Timothy 5

OCTOBER 26TH KNOWING DAVID THE SLAVE BOY SO TO SAY

READ Psalm 78:70 "He chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds;"

There is a perfect match and symbolism between the selection of both Esther and David. Both were not known before their elevation. Both were youths of the same age loosely. Both were humble and from humble backgrounds. In both we see the working of the Almighty in His preference for one over the other. In the elevation of both, we see God's providential care of His own and His autonomy and indeed sovereignty in determining who is what in any and all circumstances. Both David and Esther came in handy as replacements for disobedient rulers who for once forgot their responsibilities to higher authority over them. Enough of the comparison for now. The point I want to highlight today is that David was the eight son of Jesse who was only considered good for shepherding the dad's sheep. He wasn't given as much opportunity as to have a formal education. He was too young to be enlisted into warfare. He was never considered to worth anything. Yet, in his humble position, God's glory found him as he killed two ferocious man-eating animals and eventually became the saving grace in whom God prevailed over the vile and arrogant Goliath who defiled the army of the Godhead. You will be equally found out by God for His determined purpose today in Jesus name, amen.

PRAY He finds you humble enough for His service

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 9-11; 1 Timothy 6

OCTOBER 27TH SEEING A SHEPHERD WITH AN UPRIGHT HEART

READ Psalm 78:72 "So [David] was their shepherd with an upright heart; he guided them by the discernment and skillfulness [which controlled] his hands."

Although we have posited and quite rightly too that God chooses who He wants yet there are some qualities He seeks in His elects. He doesn't just choose any or rejects any for the mere sake of doing just that. For instance, of Eliab the elder brother of David He told Samuel not to countenance Him for He had rejected him. We are not told exactly why he was rejected. The truth however is he was searched out by the Almighty for these features we are talking about and was found not to have them. One of these features here highlighted in David the youth who later became the King was being of an upright heart. An upright heart is a righteous heart. It is not a sinless heart; but it is one that fears the Lord; that hearkens to His Word; that is prepared to acknowledge his mistake when made; and above all that is faithful. All these were lacking in the elder brother of David. Perhaps more illustratively, these were lacking in King Saul who was

self serving; unteachable; irreverent; and above all deceitful even unto himself. Little wonder David was led by the discernment and skillfulness of God which guided his hands. This means he ruled God's people with God's leading.

PRAY you are humble enough to be guided by His skillful and discerning hands

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 12-14; 2 Timothy 1

OCTOBER 28TH NOT LETTING YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

READ John 14:1 "DO NOT let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me."

The only way for not giving one's heart to trouble and troubling the same which worry and worrying for which another synonym is anxiety is to rely absolutely on God. It is to know Him for Who He is and to acknowledge His way. It is to realize that nothing can be appropriated in this life except it is first given to one as decreed by the Almighty. It is to be contented with God's program for one. This includes but not limited to subjecting one's desires to God's timing. It is being able to wait on God. In short, not letting one's heart to be troubled is to live every day as it comes. It is not giving up on anything but doing one's best to better one's lot and thanking God for whatever result comes out of same as nothing takes God by chance or comes to Him as a surprise. If one is not to be anxious; if one's heart is not to be given to anxiety, then one must realize the futility that is this world; one must know that we brought nothing into this world and it is impossible absolutely to take anything outside of same. If therefore we have food and raiment, we should be grateful to God. If we are blessed with the opulence of the Almighty we should allow His hands which provide the opulence to direct its use and peradventure He allows same to fly off, there should be no grieving as He Who gives has also taken away. Alleluia.

PRAY He teaches your heart His Peace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 15-17; 2 Timothy 2

OCTOBER 29TH KNOWING THE WAY

READ John 14:4 "And [to the place] where I am going, you know the way."

The last statement here is very categorical in its assertion by no less a Personality than the Lord God Himself that we faithful know the Way [of Righteousness] I will add. But do you know the Way? Which Way are we actually talking about? Or like the apostle Thomas you want to dispute this with the Lord? The Way of Righteousness is the Way of the Cross the same which is the Way of Christ the Lord God. By Way here is meant that path of Righteousness which all faithful must tread and remain therein if they are not to veer off the path that leads to life. It is a narrow path as the Lord also teaches in another section of the Scripture. Narrow in the sense that it is straightened in that it is yokish. You can't do what you want. You can't even determine what

and what you want to do. Before you were born not to talk of before you were called into the Way, a course has been mapped out for you. This is your own portion of the cross of Christ and you must bear it. Even Christ will not bear it for you. All He does is to enable you to bear it. It is heavy and can only be borne with His Holy Spirit support. It is indeed the Way of God the Father as it is His will that is done both in the heavenly as well as in the earth. Do you now know this Way? It is high time you do. Remain blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you will know Him in His Way

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 18-19; 2 Timothy 3

OCTOBER 30TH JESUS THE ONLY WAY TO THE FATHER [ETERNITY LIFE]

READ John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me."

Furtherance to our discussion on knowing the Way, we are face to face with another categorical assertion of Christ here again the same which is He Jesus is the Way to the Father where the Father in this context is to be understood as Life Eternal. There is no doubt there are a lot of others claiming to be the Way as well. It is to be expected of all Truth and all things genuine. Fakism is a feature hounding as it is the truth of any and every situation. It is in this context that in the next chapter He maintains He Jesus is the True Vine the implication being there are other false vines pretending and presenting themselves as genuine. The point here is there is no other Way of coming into the blessedness of the Eternal Lord GOD in its fullness apart from coming in through Christ Jesus. He is the Propitiation for our sins and the entire sins of the universe. For this reason He qualifies as the Sole Passage to Eternity Life. Every other way that seems like the Genuine are false and fake and are meant to deceive the unknowing. You should prevent yourself being so deceived. So come in today through the Authentic Passage to Eternal Life in Christ Jesus and you will be the better for it. You are most welcome into same now. Alleluia.

PRAY you are in the Truth and the Way and of course in Life also

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 20-21; 2 Timothy 4

OCTOBER 31ST KNOWING THE FATHER IS IN THE SON AND THE SON IN THE FATHER

READ John 14:10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? What I am telling you I do not say on My own authority and of My own accord; but the Father Who lives continually in Me does the (His) works (His own miracles, deeds of power)."

Theologically, we summarize this chapter as the doctrine of interpenetration. It is a situation in which the spirit of one takes over the other. It is real and is not limited to both the Father and the Son as here expressed. From the simple analogy, this is what occurs in the case of every born again Christian who is indwelled by the Holy Spirit. This doctrine also finds reality in evil spirit interpenetrating the righteous or vice-versa. When the apostle Peter vowed he wasn't

going to allow Jesus Christ to accomplish the course for which He was born, he was being interpenetrated by the evil spirit. This was why Jesus Christ admonished him and rebuked the evil spirit in him to desist from hindering him. When Judas Iscariot betrayed the Savior, he was interpenetrated by the evil spirit. The list is endless. But we are not primarily concerned here with this doctrine. Here we are focused on the truth that God was in Christ when He pilgrimaged the earth and when He hung on the Roman cross and eventually was buried and resurrected. By this same principle, all who rejected Christ rejected God Who was in Him. Today also refusal to obey your God ordained minister is tantamount to refusing God's direct instruction for which you will not prosper. In conclusion we know that it is God through the Holy Spirit that accomplishes in us all that is decreed, hence to Him belongs the Glory.

PRAY you are interpenetrated continually by His Holy Spirit all your living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 22-23; Titus 1

NOVEMBER 1ST DOING ALL THAT CHRIST DID AND MUCH MORE ALSO

READ John 14:12 "I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father."

Assurance in Christ Jesus is all one needs in salvation. This is all it means to believe in Him as personal Lord and Savior. Reposing trust in Christ or in God through Christ Jesus His Son is being assured that what the Bible says about Him is true and that in believing one is a Jesus type himself. This is what today's Scriptural piece seeks to highlight. Christ rose from the dead apart from raising so many from the dead particularly a four day fast decomposing body. He also gave life eternal to as many as the Lord God gave Him power. These and many others He performed in the Grace of His Father. In assuring us of our Faith in Him, He declared assuredly that all who will faith in Him as defined above will no doubt be able to perform every act of wondrous deed that He performed because they are all His type. More than this, since He was able to do all these in just three years of His public ministration and we would normally have more years than this to minister, then we would do more wondrous works than He did. The major reason why we would this be accomplished is because He is now with the Father and has been glorified in Him with more honor, glory, and power. What is more, as the Father has given Him and sent Him He also has given us and sent us. Do you believe this Promise of His? You must believe and now too.

PRAY you are a true faithful of Christ

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 24-26; Titus 2

NOVEMBER 2ND LEARNING TO STRIP OURSELVES OFF AND THROW ASIDE EVERY SIN

READ Hebrews 12:1 "THEREFORE THEN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who have borne testimony to the Truth], let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrances (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings

to and entangles us, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us."

One major focus of today's Scriptural text is the image of what Christ Jesus did before He could obey His Father here on earth. You will realize that Jesus was and is still equal with God; but certainly not when He was here on earth. Otherwise He wouldn't have been subject to death even though not to putrefaction. He did strip off Himself of all that made Him equal with the Father the same that were among others, power, majesty, glory, honor, immortality and all the others. Not only this, He then took on the form of a man and the lowest of it really such that when He was seen He was seen as an ordinary Man. In this condition He lost sight of all He was and focused on all God had then made Him such that He was able to learn obedience through what He suffered. May be what I am saying here which was Inscriptured particularly in Philippians has not truly sunk into our hearts. Jesus the Lord and God learnt to obey; He Who was and still is the Law of God unto Himself had to learn from His creatures who dishonored Him not a bit; and haven mastered His leaning He was able to obey His Father as to die a death on the Cross. This is taking off ourselves all that will lead us to sin but instead taking on all the enablement of and in the Holy Spirit such that we would be a divine success.

PRAY you will be able in His power and might

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 27-29; Titus 3

NOVEMBER 3RD LOOKING UNTO JESUS WHO IS OUR LEADER AND LORD AND NONE ELSE

READ Hebrews 12:2 "Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

You will recall that in the wilderness when the ferocious snake from the Lord but sent to the disobedient Jews, they had the option of looking fixedly on the bronze serpent hung on the pole before the people which indeed was a show of the crucified Christ but without their knowing. All who would look fixedly that is in faith believing that a dead bronze image of the live snake which bit him or her could and would indeed save his or her from death because of the Word of God in the act, lived. All who would not look purposely and determinedly in the Faith in the Word perished. For them to have looked fixedly on the bronze serpent was for them to have looked away from any and all things extraneous then. There was no way they could have looked on the bronze serpent and looked at any other thing. The lesson here is that we are still surrounded today with as more deadly snakes and other life sucking creatures as was in the wilderness. Unlike the bronze serpent that hung on the pole then, we have a Living Jesus in our hearts and a Written Jesus in our Scripture which nourishes and preserves the Living Jesus in our hearts. As long as we are this focused on the Living Jesus both in our hearts and in our Scripture, we cannot veer off for long. This is looking away from all encumbrances and fixing our look of Faith

on the Author, Source, and the Leader of our Righteousness. Do you have it right now? Glory is God in the highest heavens.

PRAY you are this blessed in the Faith that is Jesus the Nazarene

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 30-31; Philemon

NOVEMBER 4TH LOVING NOT IN MERE THEORY AND SPEECH BUT IN DEED AND TRUTH

READ 1 John 3:18 "Little children, let us not love [merely] in theory or in speech but in deed and in truth (in practice and in sincerity)."

While giving a lecture to the ordained ministers of God at the headquarters some months ago, I was forced to source for the meaning of love Biblically and thank God I was led to this same book of John that could easily be dismissed as a simple book of the Scripture or at best one of the simplest. Therein I was led to find out that love, true love of God as well as that of man is giving; it is sacrificial giving without the slightest expectation of a reward or compensation. It is in this regard that Christ declared that greater love has no man given nor is ever able to give than that which He had done in giving His own superior life away in death for the love of His friends who didn't even recognize Him as such. You look at it from this perspective; what have we been able to give back to God or to Christ in God? Nothing absolutely. He God and Christ in Him continue to daily shower us with true and genuine love on a regular basis. All They give to us advances our being in Them as well as in the earth given to us in dominion. What is more, as much as we sin against them every second of our lives, They never give up on us as long as we are reconciled with Them in the power of the Holy Spirit through acknowledgment and confession of our many vicious and heinous sins. What really have we or could we give to Them in return? Absolutely nothing. Herein is practical loving to be emulated.

PRAY you are this learned in Love, divine love really

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 32-33; Hebrews 1

NOVEMBER 5TH COMING TO KNOW THAT WE ARE OF THE TRUTH AS TRUTH IS ALSO LOVE

READ 1 John3:19 "By this we shall come to know (perceive, recognize, and understand) that we are of the Truth, and can reassure (quiet, conciliate, and pacify) our hearts in His presence."

As a follow up and conclusion of our position in yesterday's ministration, we now come to realize according to the revelation of the beloved apostle John that when we are able to love unreservedly; when we are sacrificially in love whether in matrimonial love or brotherly love or even sibling love, then we are in the Truth that is God. Why you want to ask? The answer is very simple-the same God Who is Love is Truth. So what is Truth in this context? When we love not merely on words of the mouth or outward show but from the heart and in line with God's commandment, then we are not being false; we are not pretending; we are not hypocritical but

we are showing ourselves in loving as truly as we are in the heart and mind. By implication, loving merely in words and otherwise is falsehood the author of which is Satan. But when we love genuinely as we are loved by Him regardless of the attitude of the recipients of our true love, then we are in the Truth; we are godly and in absolute partnership with and in Him. Only in the power of the Holy Spirit can we thus love ourselves as well as all others whether or not they are believers, but we need ask specifically for this enablement. Amen.

PRAY you will know, realize, and acknowledge true love of God in your being

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 34-36; Hebrews 2

NOVEMBER 6TH O GOD HEATHEN NATIONS HAVE DESECRATED YOUR HOLY TEMPLE

READ Psalm 79:1 "O GOD, the nations have come into [the land of Your people] Your inheritance; Your sacred temple have they defiled; they have made Jerusalem heaps of ruins."

Another word for desecration is pollution. The Psalter here is not only lamenting the desecration brought upon Jerusalem by the recalcitrance of its inheritance as much as reporting the defilement by the unrighteous to the Righteous God. As a matter of must and necessity, the reported violation was God ordained. For you to have a glimpse, just a glimpse really of what the Psalter has just started to report here, you will recollect that it was only the Levites as well as the sons of Aaron who were also Levites essentially that had access into the Temple. Even then, only the Chief Priest had access into the Holy of Holies just once in a year during the atonement anniversary. Even Jesus throughout His sojourn here on earth never entered into the Temple proper. The farthest He went was into the Porch the same that was the entrance door. Yet, God allowed the heathen to come into the Temple proper; into the Holy Place and went into the Holy of Holies. What was more; they killed God's own people in the same Place by God's own authority. With this report, God was moved by jealousy to save His own people and His Holy name at the appropriate time. Now is your appropriate time. Everywhere the heathen has despoiled you God is avenging you now for His Name's sake. Amen.

PRAY you are released from the shackle and consequences of sin and sinning now

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 37-39; Hebrews 3

NOVEMBER 7TH LORD WOULD YOU BE ANGRY FOREVER? CERTAINLY NOT

READ Psalm 79:5 "How long, O Lord? Will You be angry forever? Shall Your jealousy [which cannot endure a divided allegiance] burn like fire?"

The questions here are said to be rhetorical. In language study, such interrogative statements require no direct answers but are motivations for appropriate response. So here the Psalter in continuation of both his lament and critical reporting of the enemies wants God to arise and scatter His enemies. For one thing, the enemies do not acknowledge God's doing in meting out this punishment to His own people. Otherwise they would have realized that there was no way

one would pursue a thousand and two ten thousand except their Rock had sold them out. Secondly, the enemies claimed victory and success crediting the victory to their own doing. Sennacherib you will remember was destroyed for this kind of act even after God had given him power and authority to defeat Judah and took its cities captive. Under the righteous King Hezekiah and the ministry of prophet Isaiah, God reneged on His authority and revoked the punishment on Jerusalem. Today also I am playing your prophet Isaiah and I am revoking in God's own Mighty name all devouring the enemy had accomplished in your life by God's authority owing to your waywardness. All your sins are forgiven and never to be remembered again in Jesus name. But go and sin no more. You are released from the shackle of sin and totally delivered NOW.

PRAY you are this blessed in His loving-kindness

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 40-42; Hebrews 4

NOVEMBER 8TH AVENGE YOURSELF LORD ON THE HEATHEN NATION THAT KNOWS NOT YOU

READ Psalm 79:6 "Pour out Your wrath on the Gentile nations who do not acknowledge You, and upon the kingdoms that do not call on Your name."

You will recollect that the Promise of salvation by the Lord is that it shall come to pass that any and all who would call on the name of the Lord shall be saved for in Zion shall be deliverance. If therefore there is any anywhere who by acts of commission and omission refuses to call on the name of the Lord, God is under obligation to pour forth His Righteous anger which should have come upon you the righteous even though in your unrighteousness upon such a people. He had done it before when in His Righteousness He made His only Righteous Son to be sin for the whole world. That was the Righteous suffering for the unrighteous. How much easier do you think it is for the Lord to now impute the punishment of the righteous saints of His upon the unrighteous nation? This is your righteous alibi when after being convicted of your sin you go on your knees and beg the righteous God to impute your sin's righteous punishment upon the unrighteous enemies of yours that have been gloating over your righteous suffering. I have used this Psalm and this verse severally and it has been working even when I knew not God as this. You won't be ever disappointed. But yet, sin no more.

PRAY God will ever be gracious unto you no matter the situation

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 43-45; Hebrews 5
NOVEMBER 9TH ACCORDING TO THE GREATNESS OF YOUR POWER SPARE US THE RIGHTEOUS

READ Psalm 79:11 "Let the groaning and sighing of the prisoner come before You; according to the greatness of Your power and Your arm spare those who are appointed to die."

You may not be aware, but it is true we have appointment with death righteously. Nevertheless it will interest you to know that less than two percent of all who keep the death appointment keep the unrighteous death appointment. For there is both the righteous appointment with

death as ordained by God and the unrighteous as ordained by all others apart from God. The appointment Christ kept with death was God ordained and even then Christ sought a waiver there from. In like manner, King Hezekiah had an appointment with death righteously at the age of thirty nine. He sought and obtained a waiver from God for another fifteen years. Lazarus the brother of both Mary and Martha not only had an unrighteous appointment with death but also kept same. Yet, four days thereafter, he was set free. You too will be set free now; indeed, I set you free from any appointment with death whether righteous or unrighteous by the power of Life conferred on me by Their Excellencies. You will not die again but live and live gloriously. This is in accordance with the greatness of the power of God and the unending might of His arm. Amen.

PRAY you will simply believe and begin to see His Glory in You

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 46-47; Hebrews 6

NOVEMBER 10TH GIVING THANKS AND PRAISES TO GOD IN CONSEQUENT OF HIS DELIVERANCE

READ Psalm 79:13 "Then we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give You thanks forever; we will show forth and publish Your praise from generation to generation."

There is only one thing and act good always and all the time-this is praising God Almighty with one's innermost strength and thanking Him forever more. There is no way this can be ever wrong and sinful. I make bold to say by the powers of the Living God conferred on me that even if Satan truly praises God Almighty from his heart, it will be acceptable to God. Aren't you aware that the unrighteous dead when they resurrect and in the knowledge of the divine truth will forever bow and praise the Lord God and confess as they burn eternally that Jesus is God? You will never be wrong in praising and thanking God especially when He has just wrought a powerful miracle of deliverance in your life and those waiting on you. Today, I speak thanks and praise of the Almighty into your life. You will ever be thankful to the Lord for your all. You just won't be able not to thank Him or to do otherwise. I imbue you with the thanking and grateful heart of the Lord Himself for no one can meaningfully thank and praise the Lord who the Lord has not first motivated. You will forever be so motivated in Jesus Name, amen.

PRAY you will never ever be thankless in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 48-49; Hebrews 7

NOVEMBER 11TH GETTING THE HEAR OF THE CHIEF SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL

READ Psalm 80:1 "GIVE EAR, O Shepherd of Israel, You Who lead Joseph like a flock; You Who sit enthroned upon the cherubim [of the ark of the covenant], shine forth."

Literally, God has an ear of ears to put it simply. Otherwise how is He able to conceive of the ear? This much the Psalter has posited in the ninety forth Psalm. But it is another thing getting His attention or His ears. As the prophet Isaiah has admonished, we should seek God when He is

near and call upon Him when He can hear us. This means there are times we would call on Him and He would not hear us. For instance, the rich man of Lazarus fame was trying to attract God's attention through Father Abraham only to realize that it was too late to call on Him from the abode of the dead. The rebellious Israelites after doubting His ability to see them through the giants land of Canaan and were forbidden by God to war still went out and called on Him. He didn't hearken to them. When the ten tribes relying on their strength and number warred against the rebellious Benjamin tribe who were obviously in the wrong for condoning sodomy learnt how not to call on the Lord unless in obedience. We normally say he who comes to equity must come with clean hands. In the same token any who must get the Lord's ear appropriately must live in His Word. King Saul could not get His ears for obvious disobedience to His Words. So where are you and me in all these? Let us conform to His Word and it shall well.

PRAY you will never be complacent in seeking the Lord God to find Him.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 50; Hebrews 8

NOVEMBER 12TH WHEN GOD WILL CAUSE HIS FACE TO SHINE ON US

READ Psalm 80:19 "Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; cause Your face to shine [in pleasure, approval, and favor on us], and we shall be saved!"

Always as long as the Lord causes His face to shine favorably on us, we are saved already. Trouble brews if and when we make Him cause His face to cease from shinning favorably on us. In Numbers at the time of Moses when God was raising up His assembly for the first time the same that was the foundation of the Church, this was the focus of the benediction of the Lord on His people regularly. The same is reproduced here for ease of reference: "*The Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favor) to you; The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually)."-Numbers 6:24-26.* In verse 27 of same, the Lord declared that by doing this continually, His Name that is mighty and great shall be put upon Israelites His people. We are more than the Israelites today in His Grace and Might. Accordingly, after we have been convicted of any wrong doing by the Holy Spirit, His Spirit really by Whom we are sealed until the day of final redemption, we should seek forgiveness of our sin after acknowledging we have sinned and His face will shine on us. Better put, never to sin at all as we fellowship in and with Him. Alleluia.

PRAY you are most blessed in the Lord God Almighty in your constant obedience

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 51-52; Hebrews 9

NOVEMBER 13TH REVISITTING THE REJECTIONIST THEORY

READ Romans 11:1 "I ASK then: Has God totally rejected and disowned His people? Of course not! Why, I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin."

In this particular edition of *The Pathfinder of Morworld,* I have addressed this issue more than in any other edition. God knows why this is so. Yet I am being led to address it more solidly. We are God's own people by His Grace. His mercies never cease as they are renewed every day not because of our perfection but just because He delights in us. Our own generation may be rebellious, God forbid; that will never make Him a deserter of His covenant. He is not man that He should lie or the son of man that He would talk and not fulfill it. He covenanted with Abraham the same that was renewed in both Isaac and Jacob. The generation that came out into the wilderness was most rebellious. He destroyed them graciously, yet retained His covenant made with Abraham. The generation that took over in the Promised Land was most vicious. He punished them but retained a remnant for His friend Abraham's sake. The sons of King David the righteous never stayed in the covenant. He punished them with the rod of men but for David's sake He retained the Kingdom in his sons' hands. Now we are righteous because of Jesus Christ Who is Lord and God. We have the Holy Spirit guiding us. How can He now abandon us forever if we sin? Definitely, He will punish every unconfessed sin; yet, He will remain faithful to Himself. This is the conclusion to His Glory. Amen.

PRAY you will first know all the TRUTH of His Word and therein abide.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Lamentations 1-2; Hebrews 10:1-18;

NOVEMBER 14TH KNOWING THE COVENANT KEEPING GOD THROUGH ELIJAH

READ Romans 11:2 "No, God has not rejected and disowned His people [whose destiny] He had marked out and appointed and foreknown from the beginning. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?"

The reference here to Elijah was to the prayer he was forced to make to the Moat High God when he ran into the cave from the threatening Jezebel; how he informed God the children of Israel had revolted against Him and broken all His altar of worship and that he alone was alive and his life was being sought. In the first instance, we must all realize that anything not borne out of Faith, His Faith really is naught. Secondly, when we first act and later want God to rubberstamp our action, He stays away. Besides, God knows all things and He is not man or the son of man at all. So He informed the almighty Elijah that He had still in that same Israel seven thousand souls who had not bowed down to Baal. As a result, God corrected the running away prophet to return from where he had run only for him to later know that death either then or now has no power over his life. The point is God does not reject forever. He is not flesh and blood. He is the Spirit the Same Who is Life and the life of all. So He reasons quite differently. Whereas we would not forgive, He forgives the most heinous sins. He is Living and merciful. How come He would ever reject forever!

PRAY you are learned in the Way of the Lord

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Lamentations 3-5; Hebrews 10:19-39

NOVEMBER 15TH KNOWING GRACE AS GRACE AND NOT DEFINING IT AS WORK

READ Romans 11:6 "But if it is by grace (His unmerited favor and graciousness), it is no longer conditioned on works or anything men have done. Otherwise, grace would no longer be grace [it would be meaningless]."

What is grace and how do we characterize it? As here noted and defined, the Grace of God is the unmerited favor of God upon us sinners of the worst category. It is not even an issue of what we can do or could have done. It is a settled issue of what we never will be able to do. I am sure you are conversant with that song which rightly notes that we owe the debt we cannot pay; Jesus paid the debt He did and could not have owed. This is Grace, nay the Grace that is God in Jesus. This uniquely sets out Christianity from all other religions as they are based on works in one form or the other. No one is saved by His works or could ever so be. We are saved by Faith in the finished works of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary some two thousand plus years ago. But once saved, we are enabled to work out our ultimate salvation through His Holy Ghost empowerment to do all His commandments as they affect our own course in His overall mission for the earth. It never could have been through works which any could have or actually had done. Otherwise it is no longer Grace. Grace is totally the absence of works of salvation. You will do well to internalize this once and for all and be forever grateful to the Lord GOD ALMIGHTY. ALLELUIA.

PRAY you are gracious in the same way you have received *His Grace*

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 1-2; Hebrews 11:1-19

NOVEMBER 16TH COMING TO TERMS WITH THE STUMBLING OF ISRAEL

READ Romans 11:11 "So I ask, Have they stumbled so as to fall [to their utter spiritual ruin, irretrievably]? By no means! But through their false step and transgression salvation [has come] to the Gentiles, so as to arouse Israel [to see and feel what they forfeited] and so to make them jealous."

As a matter of divine truth, the fall and stumbling of Israel as a nation against the Chief Corner Stone the Same Who is Jesus Christ was not a final and irretrievable fall. No it is not. It is bad enough that the fall came about at all. Nevertheless we are witnessing the positive side effects of their falling away for now in the growth and proclamation of the Good News in the Gentile nation; after all we are in the Gentile reign as prophesied by the prophet Daniel in his revelation. I am not sure the Gospel wouldn't have been preached outside Judea if they had not fallen. For sure the Gospel would have still been preached throughout the whole world for so it was designed by the Almighty, but perhaps not the way it is now. The point here is that for forgetting the Savior Who is their Savior and of their kit and kin in the flesh, the Gentile world is presently basking in the Glory of the Lord God thus making Israel as a nation to jealous their loss, at least for now. But certainly, Israel shall be restored into the main stream of the Gospel after the tribulation for so has it been designed. In the main time let us glory in the Cross of the Christ.

PRAY you are in His Glory forever

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 3-4; Hebrews 11:20-40

NOVEMBER 17TH SEEING THE ADVANTAGE OF ISRAEL'S REINTEGRATION INTO SALVATION

READ Romans 11:12 "Now if their stumbling (their lapse, their transgression) has so enriched the world [at large], and if [Israel's] failure means such riches for the Gentiles, think what an enrichment and greater advantage will follow their full reinstatement."

The point here is if the loss of salvation temporarily by Israel as a nation is this beneficial to the Gentile world and to the message of the Cross in general, what will be the positive effect of their reintegration into the main stream of the Good News? What we are saying is that if their failure has been this immensely beneficial, then their successful reinstatement will be of enormous significance to all. First, it means the falling away had ceased. Secondly, it means the gains of the arch enemy of our soul who gloats over the loss of salvation wherever would have been checked permanently. For now, only the Israelites as a nationality are yet to embrace the message of the Cross clinging instead to the shadow which the Old Testament in its best presentation represents. Thirdly, it means the Kingdom of God is swelled up as designed and expected. Lastly for now, it means the Truth Who is first and foremost God and secondarily Christ has prevailed and the arch enemy has been finally put to abyss. Consequently, what God originally designed and purposed for man in Adam will be fulfilled. Alleluia.

PRAY you are in the knowledge of the Almighty

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 5-7; Hebrews 12

NOVEMBER 18TH WHERE DOES THE FIRSTFRUITS COME IN

READ Romans 11:16 "Now if the first handful of dough offered as the firstfruits [Abraham and the patriarchs] is consecrated (holy), so is the whole mass [the nation of Israel]; and if the root [Abraham] is consecrated (holy), so are the branches."

We come to another fundamental doctrine of the Scripture that establishes the none permanent estrangement of the Jews from the commonwealth of the Almighty. We have shown all along that the fundamental principle of Christianity is based on imputation. Thus if by imputation God decides to credit you with righteousness there is nothing unrighteous to be seen in you again. By extension, if God were to impute His righteousness on your progenitor, you are by implication and extension credited with the same righteousness. This explains why believers the world over bask in the Grace of the Father through Christ Jesus our Lord. We are not debtor any more as Jesus Christ has washed us clean of all pollutions in His cleansing Blood. How does this affect the Israelites vis-à-vis their reinstatement after their present ostracization? The Israeli nation comes in no doubt in that since her forefather Abraham has the covenant of sonship in the Lord, she as a nation remains a son of the Lord, indeed, the Lord's firstborn

regardless of her unbelief now. At the fullness of time she will be reinstated back into the stem from which she is presently cut off. Understand this mystery! You must understand same.

PRAY you are wonderfully blessed in Christ your Root

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 11-13; James 1

NOVEMBER 19TH UNDERSTANDING THE MYSTERY OF THE GRAFTING IN

READ Romans 11:19 "You will say then, Branches were broken (pruned) off so that I might be grafted in!"

In John 15, the Lord and Savior declared thus: "*I AM the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser. Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear more and richer and more excellent fruit."V.1-2.* The point here is not this piece of Scripture per se as much as its relevance to the Scriptural piece being expounded today. We the Gentiles are the stem of God's salvation tree, the Jews being the root for to them the oracles of God was given first and originally and to them belongs first the salvation of the mankind. Hence Jesus Christ Who is Salvation Himself was from the root of Jesse who himself is from the root of Abraham. When the root was misbehaving in matters of Soteriology, it was very easy to bypass her and graft in us the Gentiles who are the stem. As a result Israel continues now to support us the Gentiles in Christ with the Root of Salvation the same which is the Inscriptured Word. We Gentile do not and cannot support the root as nourishment can only come from the root to the stem just as Jesus the Vine Himself nourishes every branch in Him. As a result, there is no ground for priding the self on the part of the Gentiles as we still need the root to support us in soteriological matters. Accordingly, as long as the root remains fixedly grounded in salvation, it is easy to readmit it into its own base. Glory is God in the highest heavens for His unraveling.

PRAY you will never be unlearned in matters of Soteriology

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 11-13; James 1

NOVEMBER 20TH BEHOLD THE SERVANT AND ELECT OF THE LORD GOD

READ Isaiah 42:1 "BEHOLD MY Servant, Whom I uphold, My elect in Whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice and right and reveal truth to the nations."

Who is both the Servant and Elect of God being referred to here besides the Lord Jesus Christ? And why is He being referred to first as His Servant and secondly as His Elect? These two issues we will be examining here today. First, a servant is not a messenger or house-help as we know this day. Yet, He is more than this in His humility. Literally, a servant is one who takes orders from one and who is paid to do one's wish. He is hired and is paid his or her wages. Jesus was the Servant of God as well as the Servant of mankind. Unfortunately, we have nothing to pay

Him and we could indeed pay Him nothing. Yet He served us and is still serving us and will so continue until eternity Life in the first instance. As the Servant of the Father, He did all the Father instructed him to do including giving His life for our own lives. As His Elect, He was specially chosen for the job of salvation which no one else could have attained. In this wise, He bequeaths to us the same grace of election as we are all elects of His and elects of His Father in Him. The lesson here is for you and I to put on the gown of servant-hood and election in Him.

PRAY you are a servant in His election true and true

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 14-15; James 2

NOVEMBER 21ST KNOWING THE CHARACTERISTIC OF THIS UNIQUE SERVANT OF SALVATION

READ Isaiah 42:3 "A bruised reed He will not break, and a dimly burning wick He will not quench; He will bring forth justice in truth."

In this series starting today, we would be examining the characteristics of the Servant of the Lord earlier identified and discussed yesterday. The first here is His humility as typified in His being so humble as never to have broken a bruised reed. We also see that He would never and He actually never forced any to His own Way of righteousness. Although He preached the Gospel and could have wished all accepted Him, yet, He went about His messaging peacefully and persuasively. All these we noticed in practical terms in His living and lifestyle. Jesus never got involved in any forceful endeavor. Once He used the cane or whip when He was cleaning and clearing His Father's House of infiltrators. As regards Justice and right doing in Trust, He was a Personification of both. He went about doing good and delivering those who had been chained by the devil in one captivity or the other. He is Truth; He is the Way; He is also the Life. All these He gave to those who believed Him and finally ensured that He raised up followers known as disciples who will continue and are continuing this Gospel News today. As a matter of divine Trust, Jesus lived the Servant life He came to give to all. Glory is His Name, amen.

PRAY you know Who Jesus is truly

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 16-17; James 3

NOVEMEMBER 22ND KNOWING THE PURPOSES OF CALLING UP THE MESSIAH

READ Isaiah 42:6th I the Lord have called You [the Messiah] for a righteous purpose and in righteousness; I will take You by the hand and will keep You; I will give You for a covenant to the people [Israel], for a light to the nations [Gentiles],"

Today we continue the listing of some of the peculiarities of the Lord Who alone is Servant to God Almighty as well as examining the very purposes of His calling. The first thing to note is He never called Himself otherwise He would have been a servant to none. But He was called by His Father to Whom He was and He still is accountable. The very purpose of calling Him as His Servant is for the salvation of the whole earth the same which He the Father sees rightly as the

very Righteous purposes meaning every other thing outside of this is unrighteous. God promised Him preservation and accomplishment. It was no surprise that He gave God all the glory of His accomplishment as God had promised to take Him by the hand and keep Him through even through and in death [and I pray He does just that with me]. In Jesus God came up with the New Covenant called by Theologians the Bloody covenant perfected in His Blood. In this also for He was Israel He became the Light for the entire world and indeed the universe. This is the nature and nurture of the Servant God as given by the Father God. Amen.

PRAY you and I will conform to this relation fullest

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 18-19; James 4

NOVEMBER 23RD KNOWING THE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE FATHER

READ Isaiah 42:5 "Thus says God the Lord-He Who created the heavens and stretched them forth, He Who spread abroad the earth and that which comes out of it, He Who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it."

The Lord God of the heavens has so many characteristics we may never know on this side of the divide. Even those we are told we would never ever explore enough while here. But we would explore a bit of those given here. First, He is said to be God the Lord meaning not only is He the Creator but He is also the Ruler of all the creation. In specific terms, He is said here to have created the heavens where the heavenly beings inhabit by stretching them forth meaning their expansion even though we would never understand the full details of the stretching forth. He also is said to have spread in like manner the earth far and wide to all known places as of today as well as being responsible for all creatures living therein. Needless to say His creative works include but not limited to sustenance of all these. What is more, He is said to be the Author, Determiner, and Provider of all lives to all living whether plant or animal, birds or whatever. All owe their lives to Him. He gives them breath of life they live; He takes them back they are no more. Are you familiar with this Powerful Being of the Universe Who owns and sustains all at His pleasure? You must not just be familiar with Him but must be in Him now and therein abide ever
PRAY you are not just living for the mere fun of living; but living in His Glory

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 20-21; James 5

NOVEMBER 24TH ENTERTAINING THE LORD GOD UNWITTINGLY; WHEN LAST DID YOU DO THIS?

READ Judges 6:19 "Then Gideon went in and prepared a kid and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket and the broth in a pot, and brought them to Him under the oak and presented them,"

One of the cardinal points of Christianity is civility and geniality which are the same of being civil to strangers. This accounts for why God kept Israel in Egypt for four hundred years to learn this important but simple principle. At the time of Abraham, he was able to prove his righteousness

to God in growth by receiving into his house three guests one of whom was the Lord Jesus Christ. Without his knowing who they were, he slaughtered a whole fattened cow for just three visitors. Lot his nephew in far away unrighteous Sodom received the same guests and proved his righteousness in the Lord the same that preserved him and his daughters from perdition. Here we see how Gideon prepared these meal offering to another Man of God only for Him to show His acceptance of same by touching the meal offering with the tip of His staff sparking off a fire and going up in same. You will one day receive as visitor the Lord God Himself. In what manner I know not, but be on the lookout please.

PRAY you are genial and civil most graciously

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 22-23; 1Peter 1

NOVEMBER 25TH MEETING THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

READ Judges 6:20 "And the Angel of God said to him, Take the meat and unleavened cakes and lay them on this rock and pour the broth over them. And he did so."

The Angel of the Lord is the Old Testament representation of the New Testament Christ the Nazarene. Theologically, we call it the Theophany a case of the Pre-Bethlehem appearances of Christ as the Angel of the Lord; Angel of His Presence; or any other representation. What distinguished this Angel of the Lord from other ordinary angels of God was He accepted worship and He forgave sins just as a Member of the Godhead. It was He Who appeared to Moses in the burning bush; He appeared also to Hagar and promised her Ishmael would live and be great; He appeared to Manoah's wife and later her husband; He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah to mention just a few. He was last seen before the birth of Christ in Bethlehem meaning from His earthly presentation, He has never appeared again. In this dispensation He is not relevant and you do not need Him. Who you now need is the Son of Jesse in His glorified form as He is seated in the right hand of the Lord God mediating for us all. Of course, knowing His glorified form presupposes your knowing Him in His sufferings as you cannot navigate your Christian journey here without experiencing your own portion of His suffering; indeed His Cross. This is what I refer to as meeting your Angel of the Lord above. You are most blessed in Christ Jesus our Lord and God.

PRAY you know Christ and all His rudimentary truths

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 24-25; 1 Peter 2

NOVEMBER 26TH WITNESSING HIS MIRACULOUS IN YOUR SACRIFICE

READ Judges 6:21 "Then the Angel of the Lord reached out the tip of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes, and there flared up fire from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. Then the Angel of the Lord vanished from his sight."

One of the features of the Angel of the Lord in Old Testament times was acceptance of sacrifices to the Lord God. Here we have just seen that in display. The focus today is not to talk of the Angel of the Lord. The little we have been privileged to discuss yesterday is enough for now. The issue today is making acceptable sacrifices to the Lord God of the heavens. For any offering to be acceptable to the Lord, it must be in conformity with His dictates. Secondly, it must come from a mind of reverential fear of the Lord. In the experience just mentioned, Gideon was determined to offer sacrifice to the Man Who had just spoken to him. He knew the requirements and he did just that. In addition to this, he followed the commandment of the seemingly ordinary man who asked him to pour his drink offering on the meat offering and placed both on the rock. Of course, we all know the symbolism of the Rock in Scripture particularly in Old Testament times. The point is Gideon was determined to entertain the Strange messenger only to later discover He was God in the form of a Man. If you are aware and conscious of this much you are blessed.

PRAY you are able and abundantly able to live His commandments

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 27-29; 1 Peter 3

NOVEMBER 27TH SINGING ALOUD TO GOD OUR STRENGTH

READ Psalm 81:1 "SING ALOUD to God our Strength! Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!"

In this particular devotional, I have had course to talk extensively on praising God as well as testifying of His wondrous deed. What we have not exhausted discussions on is the other media of praising Him. This time we are talking of singing His praises and loudly too. Although we have to be conscious of the needs and rights of others, nonetheless we owe it a duty and it is obligatory upon us all to actually find avenues to sing aloud the praises of the Lord God of the heavens. One avenue is the congregation of the Lord. But apart from this, individuals need not restrain themselves and are urged to let loose their restraint in singing to the joyful display of the power of God in their lives. It is more of spontaneity, yet it is necessary. Just as we would cry out to him in times of trouble regardless of where we are and who we are with, in the same way, we should allow His joy in our lives to make us freely sing His praises anyhow and everywhere subject to the rules and regulations of the society. Noise making in the divine is a righteous obligation for us all. We make noises to the Lord to free our joy from the enemies. Remember it was a joyous noise of faith the Israelites made as they besieged Jericho and its wall fell back flat. In the same manner, Jehoshaphat and all of Judah sang His praises as seen in 2 Chronicles 20:20 and their enemies were mystified as they killed themselves. Loose the restraining hindrances in your being today, and lift up God in you.

PRAY you will always make a joyful noise unto the Lord as required

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 30-32; 1 Peter 4

NOEMBER 28TH PRAISING HIM NOISILY IN TIMBRELS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

READ Psalm 81:2 "Raise a song, sound the timbrel, the sweet lyre with the harp."

As a follow up to our discussions on making joyful noises to the Lord our God more than we see in the stadiums and other sporting avenues, we are to make use of any and all available musical instruments as we can lay our hands on. These make for a better melodious praises of the most High. Severally and in all humility, I have had causes to be in heaven in revelation dreams where songs were rendered to Him. I have never seen any instrument used but the melody was such that I wish the least faithful to have the experience. It is simply indescribable. One wonder of our God is that despite our lack luster symphony relative to the heavenly, He takes immeasurable joy in our praise offerings. The point is praises are forms of offerings to the Lord which cannot be meaningfully rendered without submitting oneself to the Lord at that moment and forgetting the worries and concerns of the world. How can one play harmoniously or synchronize the various and varying instruments of music in worship without forgetting the worries of the world? In addition, when we praise Him harmoniously, we also do ourselves unimaginable good as our bodies and souls are lifted up and high and our blood pressures regulated. Why not do more praises of the Lord God with musical accompaniment!

PRAY you are in His joyous reign here on earth

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 33-34; 1 Peter 5

NOVEMBER 29TH GET GOING IN FESTIVAL PRAISES

READ Psalm 81:3 "Blow the trumpet at the New Moon, at the full moon, on our feast day."

Festivals are necessary living features here on earth. I do not know what happens in heaven with regards to festivity even though I can vouch that it is allowed therein. Otherwise how come God give Israel eight festival periods to be marked in a year and who is being celebrated and honored in the festivities except the Living Lord Himself? One thing is sure though; there will be celebrations not just on the taking over of the Kingdom of the earth and indeed the universe at the glorious return of both Christ as well as God Himself. Isaiah 26:5 for instance talks of this. Christ Himself talks of this in the parable of the marriage feast. In Revelation 19, the first five verses are devoted to the joyous celebration of the festival of God taking over the reign of governance in the earth in particular. The point is we are to mark all our righteous festivals as commanded by God in each assembly of His saints in joyous and musical accompaniments such that all will be merry and happy. Remember that the returning captives of Israel were admonished to eat the cakes and drink the drink offerings as they marked their return under the priest and governor Nehemiah for the joy of the Lord is the strength of all faithful. You are enormously blessed today and always.

PRAY you are joyful always in the Lord

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 35-36; 2 Peter 1

NOVEMBER 30th MAKING THOSE WHO HATE GOD COME CRINGING BEFORE HIM

READ Psalm 81:15 "[Had Israel listened to Me in Egypt, then] those who hated the Lord would have come cringing before Him, and their defeat would have lasted forever."

Here in this Scriptural piece, the Lord laments the inability of Israel as a representative of the faithful I would say to always permanently hearken to His voice by His Words. Had they been able so to do, haters of God who are also haters of all who would love God would have been forced to bow their knees in subjection. So what does this mean? It simply means that we are atop of every situation when and if we follow the Lord's dictates regardless of what our senses tell us. For instance, it was foolhardy of anyone to embark on an exodus with millions of people including nursing mothers; pregnant women, children, women in labor and the aged without any provisions at all and I mean without a single provision. To worsen the matter, midnight movement was chosen. Never ask me the destination for no one specifically knew. But they had the Sovereign Lord for the Leader and for forty years despite their rebellion, He bore them on His wings. If they hadn't sinned and rebelled can you have imagined the peace and tranquility they would have enjoyed? The same is true of you and me. If we listen diligently and hearken to the voice of the Lord always, all our enemies are goners even before starting their fight of survival. You are blessed always in Him.

PRAY you are the master of your senses in the power of the Holy Spirit

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 37-39; 2 Peter 2

DECEMBER 1st COMING TO TERMS WITH THE EVER TOWERING GOD OF THE AGES

READ Psalm 82:1 "GOD STANDS in the assembly [of the representatives] of God; in the midst of the magistrates or judges He gives judgment [as] among the gods."

Anyone who knows the meaning of God in His might will know very well nothing and no one compares to Him here on earth or in the heavenly not to talk of the nether parts of the earth. As a result, no one should compare Him to anyone; not even should He be compared with Himself as He is more than Himself in a way we cannot fathom. For this reason He is not accountable to anyone; not even to Himself. He created all and ensures all are who and what He has made them. Consequently, in the committee of the earth's magistrates and judges, He reigns. Even in Hell fire and Hades, God Almighty reigns. You have to know that as the Lord of hoists, He reigns and rules over all hosts whether righteous or unrighteous. Have you forgotten He created them all in the first instance; and the powers each uses now He allows them to use according to His pleasure such that no one does anything anywhere without His express permission or decree; not even Jesus the Lord of our salvation. Accordingly, to God we should all bow and reverent in all things and situation. Knowing and doing this is simply living and righteously too. Alleluia.

PPRAY you are on top of your flesh and bring same to righteous submission

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 40-41; 2 Peter 3

DECEMBER 2nd KNOWING THAT YOU ARE A GOD BY GOD'S ORDINATION

READ Psalm 82:6 "I said, You are gods [since you judge on My behalf, as My representatives]; indeed, all of you are children of the Most High."

It is common knowledge and also legal that one who stands in for you is technically you. If I am representing the Head of State at a function, all honor and majesty due him will be given to me. In the same token, when God sends you out on His mission, to the extent of representing Him as instructed, you are Him. Thus any who dishonors you dishonors Him Who has sent you. It is for this reason that in our own Yoruba culture in Nigeria, you do not insult or beat a man's wife if you are not able to handle the husband. Otherwise, you have yourself to blame. Scripturally therefore, the Bible says we are gods as He is. As a matter of truth, when God gave us dominion over the earth and indeed the outer space as well, He made us gods subject only to Him. For this reason we do not worship any angelic hosts not minding that they are presently stronger than we are. We are gods; indeed, we are standing for God more so when His Holy Spirit indwells us. For this reason do we say in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and the universe obeys all our righteous commands. Be this knowledgeable in Him please.

PRAY you will maximize your godliness in Christ Jesus

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 42-44; 1 John 1

DECDEMBER 3rd KNOWING THE LIMITS OF MEN

READ Psalm 82:7 "But you shall die as men and fall as one of the princes."

Even though we have rightly posited that we are gods after the fashion of the Almighty, yet, in His Righteousness, we al havel appointments with death signifying that despite the honor and grace He has made for us in Himself, we are after all finite. This is in His righteousness. The Scriptural piece for today is directed however to those who think too much of themselves and will not accord the Almighty His due. Besides, they soon forget that the priesthood of any ministering priest is limited and terminated by death such that his continuity can be annulled while another takes over. While all these are ongoing, the Lord God Almighty remains Who He is; unaging and unchanging. Are you conscious of limitedness even in His Grace? Are you aware that all said and done you are flesh and blood and not angelic not to talk of being divine? You will do well to humble yourself before the Almighty God of the heavens. You are blessed perpetual. Amen.

PRAY you always give glory and honor to God to Whom they are due

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 45-46; 1 John 2

DECEMBER 4TH URGING THE RIGHTEOUS GOD TO ARISE

READ Psalm 82:8 "Arise, O God, judge the earth! For to You belong all the nations."

There is no limit to which we can ask God in as much as He is unlimited when we are in total obedience to Him. Before you contest this, remember that God appeared to Solomon in Gibeon and what was the purpose? It was for God to ask him to request whatsoever he wanted from Him. It was a blank open check that any would grab readily. Although it was in his subliminal state, he was able to make the best of the gracious opportunity by asking for divine wisdom to administer His own people. God not only hearkened to his voice but gave him more than he requested for. This is one proof that we are not limited in our requests to God our Father if and only if we are in consonance with His will. For instance King David wanted to build a house for Him. He never inquired but Go sent to him not to. Knowing he had to be in line with God's revealed will and purpose all the time, he acquiesced. In the same way, I am empowered by the Spirit of Him Who resides righteously in me to move God to do that which I am righteously propelled to ask. Consequently, I will ask God to arise and destroy His enemies troubling me just as I will also rouse Him as if from sleep to arise and bless me and all who supports His work entrusted to me. What about you?

PRAY you are making the righteous use of your God given grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 47-48; 1 John 3

DECEMBER 5TH URGING GOD FURTHER IN YOUR RIGHTEOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

READ Psalm 83:1 "KEEP NOT silence, O God; hold not Your peace or be still, O God."

We have many righteous features we share with our God; after all, we are His image. One is His ability to respond to situation the way He deems fit. He could decide to be silent and He could choose to be otherwise. As His image and the righteous one though, I am graced and blessed to intercede as I urge Him to use His prerogative in my support. In Numbers 14 we see how He was determined to make an end of the rebellious Jews once and for all while establishing Moses in their stead. Moses urged Him not to do as purposed for misrepresentation of His true intention among the heathen, and He listened to him. Joshua who succeeded Moses needed sunlight to defeat his enemies whom God had given to Him. As a result, He urged God to still the sun until he was done. God hearkened also to him. Severally King David urged God to fight on his side and God listened. In the case of the rebellious Ahitophel who sided with Absalom to dethrone his father, David cried to God to nullify the counsel of Ahitophel which in those days was like seeking God's face. God listened. Elijah severally called down fire on his enemies. God listened to him. You too can righteously do this and greater too if you will obey Him always. You are blessed in Him.

PRAY you will move God most righteously

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel 1-2; 1 John 4

DECEMBER 6TH KNOWING THE LORD WHOSE NAME IS JEHOVAH AS LORD GOD

READ Psalm 83:18 "That they may know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth."

Unlike human beings who have lost out outside of His Grace, inanimate objects and none human creatures know and appreciate God. Psalm 114 notes that the Sea of Reeds saw God and fled while Jordan saw Him and drew backwards. The mountains in recognizing Him flew away in haste. Even the ground or rather land trembled at the sight of the Almighty. You will recall that a lion was sent by God to kill the young Prophet from Judah who disobeyed God just as another lion found another son of God in 1Kings 20 who refused the Word of God to injure a fellow son of God. In both cases the lions did what the Lord of hosts instructed them to do as they never ate their victim. Even in the case of the young prophet from Judah, the lion stood by the ass and never harmed her. This is not the case of man who always sees himself as the end of all things in his unregenerate state. Accordingly, God has to do the extraordinary as He would please to showcase His Being. One was the parting of the Sea of Reeds mentioned earlier on. Another was the sending of quails for forty years into the camp of the sinning Hebrews. Need you the miraculous to acknowledge the Lord Most High? If yes, then too bad for you.

PRAY you are able to come in to His Faith and therein abide

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel 3-4; 1 John 5

DECEMBER 7TH WHY GOD WILL NOT SPARE YOUR UNBELIEF AND MINE AS WELL

READ Romans 11:21 "For if God did not spare the natural branches [because of unbelief], neither will He spare you [if you are guilty of the same offense]."

We are serving a God that is just, unchanging, and most constant in His attitude. By implication, how He behaved yesterday is the same way He would behave today and tomorrow under the same conditions and circumstances. He is most just and righteous. Thus if He adjudges you guilty today, and you still commit the same offence tomorrow under the same circumstance you are still guilty. Even in the natural world, doing the same thing the same way all the time and expecting a different result is the beginning of psychiatrics. The point we are making as seen in today's Scriptural piece is that if God spared not Israel who was given the oracles of the Almighty, but punished her for her unbelief the same that brought in the Gentile world, how would He spare the stem when the root itself is not spared unless He were not to be Righteous and Just again? Hebrews has noted the same point from another perspective that Jesus as Representative of the Godhead is the Same today, tomorrow and indeed yesterday as well. The practical relevance of this is that we are dealing with the Just and Righteous God. We can predict His characters for which the Scripture is given. Consequently, we should be fearful of falling into His hands.

PRAY you are in the know of the characters of our Mighty God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel 5-7; 2 John

DECEMBER 8TH BEHOLDING ISRAEL THE SAVED

READ Romans 11:26 "And so all Israel will be saved. As it is written, The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will banish ungodliness from Jacob."

The discussion in this Scriptural piece literally affects Israel after the ingathering of the Gentiles as we are now having it. By ingathering is meant the period when the Gentile world is given the Grace to come into the Body of Christ here on earth. This will last until the end of this age when this dispensation of Grace will be terminated by the tribulation period that will last for another seven years in two equal halves. After this, grace will be given to Israel to know Him Whom they slew as they see His wounds. As a matter of divine purpose, by the end of the tribulation, Israel as a nation will be engrafted back into the main sail of salvation. It is to this that this portion of the Bible refers that at that point in time, Israel as a whole nation will be saved. Presently, individual Israelis are being called in; but not the entire nation engulfed in unbelief so that the Gentiles might be used to arouse her to divine jealousy. You and I are concerned or should be in the sense that all things are possible with Him Who knows no impossibility and all things happening now are going according to His divine purpose. Consequently, whatever you are going through now, you will be over same at the fullness of time as purposed by Him. Let this gladden you brethren.

PRAY you are conversant with Bible agenda

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel 8-10; 3 John

DECEMBER 9TH NOTING THE IRREVERSABILITTY OF GOD'S CALLING AND GIFTS

READ Romans 11:29 "For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]"

We are going to examine a very interesting but educative point of Scripture today. It is this simple-once God has called you or given you His call into Him, and gives you His gifts to so function, He does not change His mind as to remove you or disenable you regardless of your fall or failing. In clearer term, once you have God's calling as His anointed; He will not remove His anointing on you and by implication will never ever withdraw this gift He has given you although He would render you inoperative in His Kingdom. How He does this is presently outside our purview. This is what the Bible says and not anybody's opinion. So it is needless arguing but the need is there to understand this position. King Saul was rejected by the Lord but never dethroned although another King was anointed. When in his ravings he sought to kill David and God gave Him into David's hands severally, David refused to lay his hands on God's anointed for up till the time Saul died he remained God's anointed. Up till today Satan remains an anointed cherub that was covered with all the gifts and power God has given him. This accounts for why in Zechariah 3:1-2 Jesus could only rebuke him in the name of God. Michael the arch angel knows this much also as seen in Jude. The first lesson here is that we do not have the power to

rebuke let alone to condemn God's anointed no matter their inadequacies. Only in the name of the Lord can they be rebuked. Secondly, you do not go about seeking the downfall of His anointed or wanting to lay hands on them even if God has judged them. You would be wounded in the spirit.

PRAY you are not to sin unwittingly in His Vineyard

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel 11-12; Jude

DECEMBER 10TH KNOWING THE DEPTH OF THE RICHES AND WISDOM OF GOD

READ Romans 11:33 "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unfathomable (inscrutable, unsearchable) are His judgments (His decisions)! And how untraceable (mysterious, undiscoverable) are His ways (His methods, His paths)!"

As a matter of fact and more of divine truth, I know not of any word or expression in the few languages I studied that can express or give expression to the depth of the riches of the wisdom of God Almighty. No matter how one tries one will continually be amazed. For one thing, we can't go beyond the limit of our own human reason and we are talking of God and His wisdom the same that not only made man and are beyond him but Who at the same time is the Lord and God of all. How does the anointing flow from below or from the ground? I cannot fathom how this is done or could possibly be. But even with God, this could be done for what seems impossible with us is all possibility with Him. For now, I just bow my knee to Him the Greatest of all in the universe that is His. If you have ever flown in an airplane particularly those described as long haul you will seem to understand the unsearchable wealth of the riches of God's wisdom. From the endless sky to the seeming anchorless and clueless waters of the sea and oceans, you cannot but stand in awe of the Lord Who not only fashioned all these but has continued to sustain them all without any accident. In our own world regardless of the advanced technology we boast of, there are accidents some of which we can't account for. But never has there been any in His universe nor there ever be one. Glory is His Name, alleluia.

PRAY you are in awe of the awesome and magnificent God of the heavens

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Hosea 1-4; Revelation 1

DECEMBER 11TH CLAIMING ANY RECOMPENSE FROM GOD ALMIGHTY?

READ Romans 11:35 "Or who has first given God anything that he might be paid back or that he could claim a recompense?"

Here we are again today in our exposition and exploration of the Word of God such that we can be taught direct from and by Him, both the writer who is the greatest beneficiary of the writing as he is first taught by His Highness and the readers who by the same Spirit of the Holy God also gain tremendous insight into His Word. By implication, the verse today which is indeed a continuation of the one before it is asking if anybody in this earth is not answerable or

responsible to God for his or her all. What is it to be answerable to God? Or better put, what and who are we that we should be answerable to the Great and Merciful God? To start with, no one knows how he or she comes into this world not does any have a say as to when he was born; where and in what manner he was birthed. Instead, we all found ourselves here and when it is time for us to keep the appointment of death, no matter how healthy we are, it is time and we will go. In other words, all we are we owe to the mercies of God. Our capacity to be who and what we are, are God given; we do not have a choice as to how intelligent we are. As a result, we owe God our all and not the other way round. For this alone, we say thank You Dad of the heavens and earth. Amen.

PRAY you are ever grateful to God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Hosea 5-8; Revelation 2

DECEMBER 12TH TO GOD BE THE GLORY ALWAYS

READ Romans 11:36 "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. [For all things originate with Him and come from Him; all things live through Him, and all things center in and tend to consummate and to end in Him.] To Him be glory forever! Amen (so be it)."

If the words of the verse just quoted were much as to fill the space for today's ministration, I would not have added a voice to same. Why? It is because it is self explanatory particularly in the context of the topic for the day. All Glory and Honor; all Majesty and Power; all Glorification and Amplification belong to God Almighty. As here noted, we all come through and from Him. We all owe our living to Him even the plants and the animals as well. There is nothing that can be without the decree and sustenance of God Almighty. So if I owe my living to the Great and Marvelous God, then who is to be praised apart from Him? There is simply none other. He is the *"I AM WHO I AM and WHAT I AM, and I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE"-Exodus 3:14.* What this means in another form is that God is God and all in Himself. The apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15 has noted that Christ Jesus will ultimately hand over the reign of the universe to God the Father after all conquests that God may be all in all. This means that God is God and no one else is with Him or besides Him. He alone is deserving of our praises now and forever more. Alleluia.

PRAY you know His Truth

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Hosea 9-11; Revelation 3

DECEMBER 13TH SEEKING GOD'S MERCY AND CLEANESS FROM THE GUILT OF SIN

READ Psalm 51:1 "HAVE MERCY upon me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to the multitude of Your tender mercy and loving-kindness blot out my transgressions."

Why do you think it is mercy that this Psalter who is David was asking for? Although we know the immediate context of this Psalm which was the conviction and sentencing on the killing of Uriah and the taking of Bathsheba his wife unrighteously, yet, it is generally applicable to us all

particularly when the issue of trespass is concerned. Mercy is the overlooking of the righteous judgment we are due for trespassing. As a result, the only justification for plea is mercy for we are already guilty as charged. But here the Psalter is not just content with the mercy of God. He wants not just His mercy but His mercy in line with His Steadfast Love which the prophet Jeremiah in his Lamentation declares never ceases as both His mercy and love for us and over us are renewed every morning of our living either here on earth or there yonder after our living here. In addition, he is not satisfied with even this but He enjoins God to unquantifiably blot out his transgressions in His Book of Life according to the multitude of God's tender mercy the same which is numberless. What this means in simple language is for God to totally forgive him; hence the choice of the words *blot out* which will leave no trace of having ever committed the sin. How Great is our God!

PRAY you will master the depth of the tender mercies of God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Hosea 12-14; Revelation 4

DECEMBER 14TH ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR SINS AND SEEKING FORGIVCENESS THEREAFTER

READ Psalm 51:3 "For I am conscious of my transgressions and I acknowledge them; my sin is ever before me."

Acknowledgement is simply acceptance. It is saying I am guilty as charged without any excuse or explanation. It is saying just as I am without one plea. This is significantly different from the path our forefather Adam toed with his wife when he accused God of being responsible for his fall by giving him a wife he deserved without his requesting for it. It is like my house-help sometimes ago who was found with stolen fish and claimed the fish was about to fall off the cooking pot prompting his salvaging same and keeping it in the safety of his mouth. Perhaps that sounds novel, but what of King Saul whose alibi was that the people had reserved the fat cows and the beautiful women for sacrifice unto God. When cornered even on this, he claimed he feared the people and hearkened to their voice while disregarding that of God. Earlier in his reign he had claimed he forced himself to sacrifice when Samuel the priest and prophet delayed his coming. Whatever the statements; in all of these there was no acknowledgment of sin. It is like saying one raped a beautiful woman because she was tempting enough. Besides one has no wife or one's wife was far away in London and one had an erection. "Was it my fault that she exposed her thigh or was I responsible for the swelling of my private part?" Wasn't it a reflex action? But here we see the righteous David a man after God's heart acknowledging his fault and admitting guilt but seeking mercy. You go and do likewise today and always and be equally blessed as David the King.

PRAY you will always come to Him without one plea

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joel 1-3; Revelation 5

DECEMBER 15TH SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION AGAINST GOD

READ Psalm 51:4 "Against You, You only, have I sinned and done that which is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and faultless in Your judgment."

By definition, we characterize sin and sinning whose study in Theology is Harmatiology simply as the transgression of the Laws of God whatever this may be. It is like the case in Eden when God gave a simple instruction to the Adams not to eat from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which they violated. So, sin is a direct disregard to God through a violation of His commandment. In the context of this definition, we see that although King David took another man's wife and not the wife of the Almighty were this ever possible and killed the husband who was and could not have been God or His relation in our own sense of the word, yet he had sinned against God by violating two of His Laws at least if not more. He committed adultery and murdered one of his trusted captains. But being a man after the heart of God Almighty, he knew, acknowledged, and confessed he had sinned against God and against Him alone. As a result, he had to seek reconciliation with God Whose Laws he did transgress. This is the true picture of sin and sinning. Once we sin, to God we should go for forgiveness which will come even though the consequences of the sin committed remain.

PRAY you will know sin and sinning for what they are and avoid them as plagues

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Amos 1-3; Revelation 6

DECEMBER 16TH WISDOM IS BASED IN THE INNERMOST MAN AND NOT OTHERWISE

READ Psalm 51:6 "Behold, You desire truth in the inner being; make me therefore to know wisdom in my inmost heart."

From whichever perspective we want to look at it, Wisdom is God as well as the attribute of the Living God Whose knowledge we seek and implement all our lives. In Proverbs 8 for instance, we see Wisdom as Christ Jesus through Whom the earth was created and is being sustained. In chapter 4 of the same book, Wisdom is characterized as the attribute of God. Thus any who is wise is godly and at the same time exhibiting God's righteous attribute. Since it is our spirit being that knows God and is therefore linked with same, truth in anyone can only be based and discerned in his inner man here also called the inmost man. In other words, who a person is and is not is to be seen in his inner person which dictates his character. This is the more reason why one's character is not easily discernible by appearance but through interaction with the person. The point I am making today through our ministration of the Word, His Word really is that God has placed His truth in our inner person so as to control our outer man which is our reason and senses generally. Accordingly, we should take good care of our inner being and nurture same by living the Word and not just reading and studying same. We must maintain good communion with the Lord through our fellowshipping with and in Him always whether personally or congregationally and both as the need will be. Feed your inner man with His Truth and the whole of you is Truth.

PRAY you are inner fed with His Truth

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Amos 4-6; Revelation 7

DECEMBER 17TH UNDERSTANDING THE RENEWING OF GOD'S SPIRIT IN ONE

READ Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, preserving, and steadfast spirit within me."

Another feature of sin and its attendant nature sinning is that it pollutes the heart as it is a desecration in itself. Holiness you want to be reminded is the absence of sin which every believer attains in Christ Jesus through the water of sanctification the moment we first believed. Each time we sin for whatever reason, we pollute this source of righteousness in us even though we do not become reprobate through same. But as soon as we confess out sins and ask for forgiveness followed by true repentance, we are restored into this holiness. It is fitting that the Psalter here who had been living in the defeat of sin by Satan asked God to create in him a clean heart which is the same thing as a clean spirit. This was necessary then under the Mosaic dispensation unlike now that we are under the Grace dispensation as we have the Holy Spirit living in us as never before in anyone. Even now under His Grace, we need to be washed aclean, anew with His water of sanctification through the Word of Scripture each time we are convicted of sin and sinning. We do not need physical water sanctification or a second baptism as Peter the apostle rightly noted. All we need is a conviction of our sin followed by the renewing of His Spirit in us through His Word. You are blessed as never before in your life.

PRAY you will know how to be reconciled in holiness each time you sinned

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Amos 7-9; Revelation 8

DECEMBER 18TH NOT CASTING AWAY FROM HIS PRESENCE AND NOT HOLY GHOST DEFICIENT

READ Psalm 51:11 "Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me."

It is quite possible for one and indeed all truly born again Christians to avoid being cast away from His Presence as both Judas Iscariot and King Saul were. In the same vein, we can avoid being Holy Ghost deficient; for when the Holy Ghost is taken away from one or when the Holy Ghost leaves one, I want to believe one is doomed forever. He can be grieved. This is not the same thing as being taken away. By the way, this Psalm was written under the old dispensation of the Law the same which is the Mosaic dispensation. As a result not all relevant issues and doctrines then are now relevant. Putting it straight, the Holy Ghost does not leave the believer once given. When He however leaves, then it is impossible to restore the same person unto repentance once again as noted in Hebrew 6:5-6. Why? It is because this means one has become reprobate and it is only the Father that can order this as seen in John 15:1-2. As touching being able to avoid being cast away as both King Saul and Judas Iscariot; as grievous as this is, it is very simple to accomplish. Once we allow ourselves to be led by His Spirit always and

we retain our humility which His call imposes on us, we would not grieve Him so much as to make Him cast us away from His Presence where there is fullness of joy.

PRAY you will humbly comport yourself always in His Presence

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Obadiah; Revelation 9

DECEMBER 19TH WHEN AND HOW THE LORD WILL DO GOOD IN YOUR ZION THROUGH REBUILDING

READ Psalm 51:18 "Do good in Your pleasure to Zion; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem."

Of course we have to be reminded of the truth that Zion is the City of David and the City of God where eventually the Headquarters of the Lord God of the universe will be cited at the fullness of time. Why? It is because it is the pleasure of God Almighty to so do it. In other words, all boils down to being in the Lord's favor the same that is here termed rightly His Pleasure. Accordingly, we see that if God is to do good to your Zion, you must first be counted worthy of His Pleasure. This means in part you must be truly born again and abiding in His Grace. Once you are this disposed, God cannot but do good to you and all that you righteously set your hands upon according to His pleasure. It means you have to be upright in your dealings with Him. It means you have to be honest and bold enough to righteously acknowledge your sins and ask forgiveness. It means you have to be given to repentance of any and all sins noticed in you. Finally, it means you must be submitted to His pleasure always. Once you are this adjudged upright, God will always do good to your Zion in that He indwells you. Peradventure you sin for no one born of a woman is sin proof, you will always be restored to Him as soon as you repent of your sinfulness on conviction of the Holy Spirit. In this way, any broken wall of your Jerusalem for you and I have our Jerusalems which are the dominion of the Godhead in us, will always be restored through rehabilitation in restoration. Alleluia.

PRAY you are kept save in Him always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jonah 1-4; Revelation 10

DECEMBER 20th PUTTING OUT INTO THE SEA WITH THE LORD SAVIOR GOD

READ Luke 8:22 "One of those days He and His disciples got into a boat, and He said to them, Let us go across to the other side of the lake. So they put out to the sea."

What does it mean to put out into the sea with the Savior and in a boat? Many things really can be meant by this. The summary of all these however is the truth of embarking on a voyage with the Almighty; trusting His Captainship and direction of the ship and wholly yielding to Him in His power and Grace. The point I want to emphasize here is the fact that the instruction to put out into the sea was as sudden as the putting out itself. Yet the disciples had no option or choice than to obey the instruction of the Most High God. Relating this to us in our present position, we summarize this to mean being prepared always for the Lord to journey with Him always and at

the shortest notice if the notice is given at all. What I am saying here is that we should all be made ready for any and all things in the Lord. We should be empowered to do all things for the Lord God at the immediate prompting. Moses was with the Lord in the Tent of Meeting for as long as the Lord wanted listening to His instruction to teach the Israelites the wordings of the song He had given him only for him to be instructed later that was his last day on earth. And what did he do? Did he bid his wife and children good bye? No. Why? There was no provision made for this by the Almighty. As a result, he proceeded to Mount Pisgah where he was translated. I have seen instances as these severally in my ministration when all of a sudden God will instruct me to proceed on a voyage when in fact all has been planned by Him even before the foundation of the earth. Are you prepared to put out into the sea now or at His prompting? You must be prepared and now too. Amen.

PRAY you are always made ready for the use of His Excellency

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Micah 1-3; Revelation 11

DECEMBER 21ST DEALING WITH A SLEEPING SAVIOR

READ Luke 8:23 "But as they were sailing, He fell off to sleep. And a whirlwind revolving from below upwards swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in great danger."

You have to realize that while it was possible for Jesus Christ when here in the flesh to fall asleep as He was fully human and subject to human emotions, yet divine, it is never ever possible for Jesus today as the Savior of the world and His Father the Lord God of all to fall asleep. The Psalter in the 121st Psalm has noted that He Who watches over us does not sleep nor slumber. Sleep as a creation of the Lord God is subject to Him. As a result it cannot take over Him. Be that as it may. The truth of God however is that there will be circumstances that would appear as if God is asleep in matters of our life and death. For instance when Christ was summoned to come and rescue Lazarus from the teeth of death as he laid dying, He delayed for another four days to prove to all that He is Lord even over death and Hades. There would be times as this that you would expect promptness from the Holy Ghost through His saints, His ministers, and you would be greatly disappointed. At times as these, we should just rest assured in the Lord that we are in His save hands and nothing would ever chance into existence in Him. Just believe the Lord God; do all that is expected of you and thereafter wait on Him. Waiting on the Lord God is what most believers find difficult to doing but it is not impossible. You will never have a falling-off-asleep Savior; no, never.

PRAY you will build your faith on Jesus Christ and Him alone

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Micah 4-5; Revelation 12

December 22nd WHY SO FEARFUL?

READ Luke8:25 "And He said to them, [Why are you so fearful?] Where is your faith (your trust, your confidence in Me-in My veracity and My integrity)? And they were seized with alarm and profound and reverent dread, and they marveled, saying to one another, Who then is this, that He commands even the wind and sea, and they obey Him?"

It is natural to fear and be fearful at the same time. Anyone who had conquered fear is him who has taken on faith in the Lord God. What I am saying simply is that we cannot but be fearful as long as we retain our human nature and its attendant consequences. But you will recollect that at the time we gave our life to Jesus, it was the natural that we let off while taking on the supernatural; just as the young prophet Elisha had to tear away his gown while keeping and retaining the mantle of his master Elijah which the Holy Ghost purposely left off for him. At rebirth, we renounced our nature for the divine being in the power and might of the Holy Spirit. We are therefore energized and sustained for the task of being His disciple and messenger here on earth. As a result, if we still nurse fear in any circumstance, we would bring upon ourselves the same rhetoric as the Lord brought down on His disciples who were damned afraid even when He was physically with them. Right now, the Lord is in us and with us in His Holy Spirit. Fearful circumstances will come no doubt; but we are to exercise our faith in Him like the young but faithful Queen Esther who went into the King after fasting and praying for three days and damned death and Hades. So why worry or be fearful when the Lord lives in you!

PRAY fear will have no way in you as you stand in Faith that is Christ Jesus

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Micah 6-7; Revelation 13

DECEMBER 23RD SIGHTING THE LOVELINESS OF THE LORD'S TABERNACLES!

READ Psalm 84:1 "HOW LOVELY are Your tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!"

When Jesus was about to leave this sinful earth for His abode, He assured us most blessedly not to let our hearts be troubled for whatever reasons at all. Why? Apart from the truth that He is the Lord of the earth, He is also Lord and God of the heavens. As a result, He was going to prepare a place for us in the heavenly such that where He is we also will be with Him as well as His Father and His other Comforter the Holy Spirit. In specific terms, He admonished us to come to terms that in His Father's House Who also is our Father, there are many mansions. A mansion you want to know is different from a house merely in all respects. What of its size and splendor; its majesty and candor to mention just a few? As a result, what Christ was doing was preparing us in advance to view as it were the heavenly bliss that awaits all who will live righteous in Him here on earth. The reason is if we do not have this foresight, how can we abide in Him in the face of the many daunting vicissitudes of life? How can we abide in the daily stress that characterizes this world and its living? How can we be heavenly focused if we do not have this far reaching imagination of our heavenly home? As a result, we have to be certain of the reality and certainty of the Tabernacles of the Living God. Note that the word here is tabernacles not tabernacle. You are most blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you are heaven sighted always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nahum 1-3; Revelation 14

DECEMBER 24TH INTERNALIZING THE HIGHWAYS TO ZION

READ Psalm 84:5 "Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion."

To internalize anything at all is to take that thing into one's being. It is being made part of one as far as that thing is concerned. In terms of the Scripture, internalizing same is making same part and parcel of one as one daily lives same. As a result, we are concerned here today with the issue of coming to terms with the highways of Zion. I am sure you are not too sure what that means; not the issue of internalizing really but the point of the highways of Zion. So what do these mean? By the highways of Zion is meant here the precepts of making it to heaven. It is meant the highway of righteousness. In the *New American Standard,* it is recorded as highway to Zion. The *New International* version records it as setting one's heart to pilgrimage all indicating the readiness of the believer to meet the Lord God as purposed and decreed in all righteousness. So the highway in Zion is simply the totality of the principles of righteousness the same that has been simplified as the Love of the Lord God in totality as well as the love of the neighbor as no law of God is against these. So internalizing the highway of Zion is you living in uttermost righteousness of the Lord God always.

PRAY you have set your hearts to His Righteous Living always.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Habakkuk 1-3; Revelation 15

DECEMBER 25th MAKING YOUR VALLEY OF WEEPING INTO SPRINGS OF JOY

READ Psalm 84:6 "Passing through the Valley of Weeping (Baca), they make it a place of springs; the early rain also fills [the pools] with blessings."

The Bible passage for today cannot be truer if there is anything Scripturally truer than the other. The point is we all pass through our valleys of weeping at one time or the other and not just for once. What determines whether we have made a profitable use of the knowledge we have acquired in Christ through exposure to His teachings is how we respond to our tribulations or rather, how we comport ourselves in our weeping valley. It is no sin or a sign of weakness to weep in the valley earmarked specially for this. It is Scripturally natural so to do. But the faithful all will remain in the Faith and keep blessing the Lord God as did Job the righteous and David the King in their various hours of weeping. Weeping is not the sin and the issue; it is what one makes of the weeping. In the case of David the King, he strengthened himself in the Lord thus finding strength in Him in his hours of weeping. Job the righteous knowingly praised the Lord God in his hour of tribulations while refusing to curse God and die as advocated by his wife. Thus, both turned their valley of weeping into springs of joy and joying and thereby establish the goodness of the Lord always in their lives. You and I can be the same and even better each of these two. Alleluia.

PRAY you will overcome weeping with joy and not be overcome by weeping

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zephaniah 1-3; Revelation 16

DECEMBER 26TH EXPERIENCING A DAY IN THE COURTS OF THE LORD

READ Psalm 84:10 "For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand [anywhere else]; I would rather be a doorkeeper and stand at the threshold in the house of my God than to dwell [at ease] in the tents of wickedness."

In the literal sense, what the piece of Scripture here declares is the truth of the Word of God as all Scriptural text are by the inspiration of God Almighty and are profitable in unquantifiable way if utilized as such. The courts of the Lord could mean just anything from one's righteous and holy dwelling to the tabernacle of the Lord God anywhere and everywhere as long as one is holy and the environment the same that is the court itself is held holy by the people who have charge over same. For instance, the Temple of God in Jerusalem was held in profanity for the better part of its existence prompting God to vacate same and the heathen used by Him to punish the unrepentant Jews. In the same token, staying in God' Presence for just s second and savoring its joy in His fullness is enough existence for any who know what it is to be blessed by God Almighty. It was just the vision of God in His Temple that the very prophet Isaiah saw and he was never again the same in his life. Symbolically too, there is no way living in His Presence for a day is not more than staying out of Him for the whole of one's life. So where do you and I stand in all these? You are most blessed in the Lord God always. Alleluia, amen.

PRAY you are the lord of your righteous living in Him and not be turned to another robot

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Haggai 1-2; Revelation 17

DECEMBER 27TH KNOWING GOD AS A SUN AND A SHIELD OVER YOUR LIFE

READ Psalm 84:11 "For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield; the Lord bestows [present] grace and favor and [future] glory (honor, splendor, and heavenly bliss)! No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly."

The power of the sun as we perceive it poorly here on earth is enough to roast the entire universe. Yet, the sun is several millions of miles away from the earth. Without the sun nothing will live here on earth. Warmth we have from the heat of the sun. Those in the cold country better appreciate the goodness of God in the sun as they savor the joy of seeing the light of the day any time the sun decides to show up. I have been in the UK where as early as eight in the morning all street lights had to be on because the sun had refused to show up. In like manner one will be in spiritual darkness in the absence of the Sunlight of God in one's life. This is the sense in which the Lord is said to be the Sun in one's life as He illuminates, energizes, and stabilizes same. In terms of shield, we all know that the shield is a weapon of offense that is used to thwart all enemy wiles and missiles. In the same manner, God is more than the best shield any can conceive anywhere. Thus, any who has God as His Shield normally basks in the

safety of the Almighty. Won't you avail yourself of this bounteous grace of the Lord God as you give your life to Him afresh today to His Glory! You are most blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in the God Almighty

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zechariah 1-4; Revelation 18

DECEMBER 28TH BEING BLESSED ETERNALLY IN THE LORD GOD OF HOSTS

READ Psalm 84: 12 "O Lord of hosts, blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who trusts in You [leaning and believing on You, committing all and confidently looking to You, and without fear or misgiving."

All blessings of God find fulfillment in any who lives and dwells in Him faithfully; and not just by mere words of the mouth. We are ascertained of this and are assured of this as much as the certainty of our living. God is real and He is the bestowal of all blessings and goodness everywhere whether here on earth, the heavens above or even in the nether parts of the world. God reigns supreme always. But perhaps not the reign we are talking about here essentially. We are focused on our ability to faithfully trust on Him fully and truly and the accruing effects of same in terms of blessings in reward. Trusting in Him truly is leaning the whole of one's personality on Him; it is believing Him truly and committing and confidently looking on to Him in all situations regardless of what the empirical facts suggest. Without fear and any misgiving, anxiously looking forward to His fullness in His reign is all that is expected of any who truly trusts in the Lord. He is the Lord and God of all hosts whether righteous in their function or otherwise; all come to being and are preserved by Him and for His purpose in the final analysis. There is no better joy is being in the Lord God and there can be no greater reward than living for and in Him. Be this assured today and always in Him though, alleluia.

PRAY you are this magnified in Him always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zechariah 5-8; Revelation 19

DECEMBER 29TH KNOWING GOD THE FORGIVER OF ALL SINS

READ Psalm 85:2 "You have forgiven and taken away the iniquity of Your people, You have covered all their sin. Selah [pause, and calmly realize what that means]!"

One distinguishing feature of the entire Godhead is not just their ability to forgive sins of all kinds as much as Their willingness so to do. You won't believe what I am about to tell you now. God forgives all manner of sins no matter how grievous or heinous. He is the Master of sin forgiving. The vilest offender or sinner to put it rightly who truly repents, that moment from the Godhead a pardon for sin he receives just like that and immediately too. Yes! It is simpler than saying yes. It is grievous to sin; but is most simple in His Grace for sin to be forgiven. As a matter of divine truth where sin abounds, the Grace of forgiveness abounds the more. There is no evidence of anyone who has actually asked for forgiveness of sin truly that is refused. From the

male factor who was almost dead to the confessing Zacchaeus the tax collector, the list is endless. Or talk of the woman in John 8 caught in the very act who never even asked for forgiveness but solemnly and acceptingly waited on God Jesus to the free offer of forgiveness for all who killed the Lord God in Christ through conspiracy; just mention it, the free forgiveness of God in Christ is available. The only condition of receiving same is only confession of sin and acceptance of the forgiving power of the Precious Blood of Christ shed for you and me in particular on the Cross. So what are you waiting for! Come in today and be made whole again. Amen.

PRAY you will never be caught out of His sin- forgiving Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zachariah 9-12; Revelation 20

DECEMBER 30TH KNOWING THE RESTORATION OF THE LORD GOD

READ Psalm 85:4 "Restore us, O God of our salvation, and cause Your anger toward us to cease [forever]."

Restoration is being replenished. More than this, it is bringing one back into one's original estate which for one reason or the other one has lost. Restoration is what the sinner gets when he returns to the Lord in acceptance of His vicarious and substitutionary death through faith in the Precious Blood of the Master and Lord. What estate then had been lost and how? The estate lost was the oneness with the Godhead the same that was lost in Adam in Eden the Garden of Delight when Satan deceived Eve who lured her husband into eating the forbidden fruit. In its place death and eternal damnation were given to the fallen man. But in Christ Jesus however, we are made more than conquerors by the Blood of Him that was shed for us in Calvary. As a result, all who will seek to have back their original estates in the Lord God must come to Him through forgiveness of their sin in Adam by faithing in Christ Jesus. There is no other way to doing this than faithing in Him once and for all and therein abiding to eternity. This done, one is restored. More than this one is made coheir of the Father with the Son even the Lord Jesus Christ the Nazarene. Are you this restored? You must be this restored and today too. Amen.

PRAY you are this restored now please

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zachariah 13-14; Revelation 21

DEWCEMBER 31ST LISTENING TO GOD WITH EXPECTANCY

READ Psalm 85:8 "I will listen [with expectancy] to what God the Lord will say, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints (those who are in right standing with Him)-but let them not turn again to [self-confident] folly."

Believe me right now, there is more blessings in listening to God than just talking to Him just as it is more blessed to give than to receive. At this time of the year, the transition between the end of one and the beginning of the other, you and I have to review our commitment to the

Lord by listening to Him the more. Yes! We need to talk to Him often. But what is more desirable is communing with and in Him. When we commune in Him we are like we are meditating righteously. When we commune with Him we are actually dialoguing with Him listening to Him as it is to know His mind and opinion, indeed decrees over what we go to Him for. For instance, the Bible lays more emphasis on listening to Him more than talking to Him. Just one reference here will do and now too: "*IF YOU will listen diligently to the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth."-Deuteronomy 28:1.* Listening presupposes attention with the aim of finding out what is expected of one. In today's ministration Scriptural piece, we are told to listen with expectancy of God saying Peace, His Peace into our lives as never before. You will realize that next to giving us His Blood, the Lord bequeaths on all believers His Peace as seen in John 14:27. Once we hear this Peace talk anew today, let no one, and I mean no one really fall back into his or her folly. Welcome to a new beginning in and with the Lord God Almighty. Alleluia, amen.

PRAY you are blessed anew in His Peace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Malachi 1-4; Revelation 22

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JANUARY 1ST KNOWING GOD THE GIVER OF ALL THAT IS GOOD

READ Psalm 85:12 "Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase."

This New Year by Divine appointment that is totally beyond me, the need to know the Lord God as never before cannot be overemphasized. Once He is known for Who and What He alone is, you will definitely witness an unprecedented increase in all your righteous endeavors as He God has perfected all that is yours even before Adam, the first Adam was perfected in Him. Yes! I mean all I have just said. God knows you even before He fashioned Adam out of the Adamah and knows why He has created you the way you are. I am sure you know what I am talking about. What is new is the need for you to know Him the more. Before your father met your mother and before they both asked for a holy fruit of the womb, God had known you and all that will ever be yours. Yes you do not know and cannot know then. But now the Word of God attests to the truth of God that the purpose of God for your life is good; the same that will ultimately take you to the expected end He has fashioned. All you need know and appreciate the more this New Year is that all roads in the course of God in His righteousness lead to your establishment. Could you ever know that the death of Christ could bring Him Glory more than He ever shared with the Father? Or could you know that by dying Christ could conquer death? Wouldn't you think the death of Christ was a defeat even of the Godhead; but what about now if I may ask? Where is death and to Hades where is his victory! God performs wonders in heaven

and on earth even till tomorrow. Only believe totally and be yielded to and in Him. You are most blessed alleluia.

PRAY the Lord opens the eyes of your understanding anew this New Year to His Glory

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 1-3; Matthew 1

JANUARY 2ND MAKING GOD TO INCLINE HIS EARS UNTO YOU THIS YEAR

RESD Psalm 86:1 "INCLINE YOUR ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and distressed, needy and desiring."

As a follow up to our discussions of yesterday the same that pivots our focus for this New Wonderful Year in the Lord God of all ages, we have to accept that today's Scriptural piece captures all that you will desire and need in the New Year. How do I mean? Firstly, there is the need for all of us to comport our being and our righteousness in Him in perfect harmony to His revealed will and purpose for us this New Year. I m not saying we have not been doing this in the past. All I am saying is that there is the need for us all to better our best this New Year. For one thing, we are closer to the end of our course by at least one year this New Dispensation. For another, we are to get glued to our most holy faith in Him, meaning we can always improve on our relationship with the Savior to such an extent that He Himself will be perfectly pleased with us. Once we are on the prowl positively in Him, we are assured that He will always incline His ears to our requests. Furthermore, in our natural dispensation and at the best of same, we are impoverished and destitute. Thus, we are distressed and most needy of His righteous deliverance even in the Grace of the Son. What I am attesting to in our lives this New Year is that if we move closer to God more than we had ever done in our righteous dealing and dwelling with Him, we are sure of His additional greater good for us just as He did the Savior when He was obedient unto death even death on the Cross. You are blessed in Him perfectly, amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in Him this New Year

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 4-6; Matthew 2

JANUARY 3RD KNOWING THE GOODNESS OF GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 86:5 "For You O Lord, are good, and ready to forgive [our trespasses, letting them go completely and forever]; and You are abundant in mercy and loving-kindness to all those who call upon You."

It is our common saying among faithful these days that the Lord is good all the time. There can be no better truth than this if there is anything like this any way. God is good in all aspects and respects for He can never ever be evil. This is so because even when He punishes and disciplines, He is most righteous in same. This is the basic truth of the Almighty. However, today's Scriptural text adds a new dimension to this basic truth in focusing on God's unique ability and readiness always to forgive completely our trespasses and letting them go away as if we have never at all

sinned in the same manner. This is quite interesting and informative. That we can have and we do have always our sins sent to the sea of forgetfulness as noted in the book of prophet Micah is a wonderful and glorious miracle of His which no one can ever rival. In this I glorify the Lord God for this being good. Not only is He doing good the way we know it, but also He is the Perfect Good-Doer in situations we never imagine. He brings goodness out of badness and ensures the continuity of good in His good doing. How wonderful is our God as the basest of sinners like I am can now glory in His name. How wonderful are You O Lord of Hosts!

PRAY you will always appreciate His goodness in all aspects of your living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 7-9; Matthew 3

JANUARY 4TH WHY GOD WILL ANSWER YOU IN THE DAY OF YOUR TROUBLE

READ Psalm 86:7 "In the day of my trouble I will call on You, for You will answer me."

There is definitely a day of trouble if we will not readily say days of trouble. It is simply impossible that days of trouble should not come; no; not after sin came into the world through the Adams. The book of prophet Isaiah noted in chapter 38 that the day was a day of trouble; a day of trials and torment as the children had come to birth but unfortunately the mothers to be could not push. The Lord answered the prayers and crying of the King Hezekiah because he channeled his crying through his man of God the very prophet Isaiah. Who is your prophet? This is a question you should ask yourself and truly too. Never mind the doctrines of your church or whatever it is called. The prophetic ministry is one of the five ministries of our Lord God and one of the very two foundation ministries of the Lord for that matter. It is most relevant today as it was in those days. You need the prophetic word to set you free. Moses was a prophet through whom Israel was freed. Jesus was another Prophet and indeed the very Prophet through whom the entire humanity is being saved. Who is your prophet whom the Lord has raised for you? How well are you relating to him or her? Do you think if the relationship between King Hezekiah and prophet Isaiah was not cordial he would have been called upon in his days of trouble? Certainly not. So find your prophet and keep track with him in the Lord. Do not be a Jerusalem the city which killed all her prophets sent to her and was worst off for same.

PRAY you are in the know of your prophet as divinely ordained

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 10-12; Matthew 4

JANUARY 5TH KNOWING THE GREAT AND WONDER-WORKING GOD OF THE HEAVENS

READ Psalm 86:10 "For You are great and work wonders! You alone are God."

The truth of Scripture for any and all who will receive it is that there is no other God apart from God Almighty. Say whatever you want to say anyhow. God is the wonder working God Who alone is God in heaven and on earth. It never maters in what coloration you want to put it. The truth of Scripture the same that rules the entire universe is that God Almighty created the

heavens and the earth and sustains them all till today and even till tomorrow in its eternity of eternities. As a result, there is no other God apart from the Living and Wonderful Father of all Who resides presently in the heavenly. I have known Him through the Scriptures and I have come to experience His powerful and wonderful hands in my life and in the lives of all who I have been graced to come into. God is real and faithful. There is no limit to His works and workings. He does all things good and wonderful and He can do any and all things He wants to do. All that matters is for Him to will. Once He wills, that is fulfillment. I am a living witness of His marvelous and powerful handiwork. Taken out of a family of deserters as it were and nurtured into His Being as to pastor and pasture His fold under my care in His power, I am nothing save for His Grace that has made me all that I am and will still sustain me to being what He alone has purposed and able only of doing. Haven't you found Him in your life and living? You need find Him and today too. Amen.

PRAY you will be found by Him as you go seeking Him today

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 13-15; Mathew 5:1-26

JANUARY 6TH PRAYING HIS PRAYER ALWAYS AND NOT YOURS

READ Psalm 86:16 "O turn to me and have mercy and be gracious to me; grant strength (might and inflexibility to temptation) to Your servant and save the son of Your handmaiden."

Prayer and praying are of the divine. They are indeed divine instruments given to the faithful by which we commune with the Godhead in Their Excellency. They are never meant to be sourced or sustained by the natural. They are no means by which the Almighty is to be bent or swayed as it is from His revealed will and purpose. Prayer and praying are means by which we are brought into the purposive will of the Almighty and come into knowledge of the Godhead such that we are no more at variance with Them in our all. You will remember that Christ prayed an unusual and unequal prayer in Gethsemane. There would have been no reason for such a bloody prayer and praying if God can be swayed from His purposive will once revealed to mankind. But His prayers and praying were not heeded as far as His carnal or natural request was concerned. Rather He was strengthened for the course for which He was born-to die in man's redemption. Here also, the prayer of God is seen in His requesting us to pray that He alone makes us inflexible to temptations as they come such that we will abide in His will always. This is what I term the Lord's Prayer here as opposed to ours. Amen.

PRAY you will hear Him whenever He calls on you anyhow and anywhere

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 16-17; Mathew 5:27-48

JANUARY 7TH MAKING A DECISIVE DEDICATIOIN OF YOUR BEING TO GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Romans 12:1 "I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members

and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship."

What does it mean to make any decisive decision? In the case we are considering, what does making a decisive decision involve? Perhaps the most operative word in the phrase is decisive from the verb to decide. The word decisive is in its meaning final. It is making a final and irreversible decision. In the context we are considering, this involves but is not limited to coming to the point of making up one's mind to live for God. It is not just so deciding as much as ensuring one lives so, hence the relevance of one's body as here specified. But why the need for a faithful to come to this decisive position after giving one's life truly to Christ Jesus? The reason is giving one's life to Christ is a once and for all thing; whereas living a righteous life is a lifelong journey. Besides, there are vicissitudes of life that will do all they can to derail all the faithful. As a result, the need is there for every believer to be strong in the Lord and be so empowered in His Strength to live righteous regardless of the natural consequences of so doing. According to today's Scriptural passage, this is our only reasonable and intelligent rational service to God Almighty as one can be swayed and live a riotous life and living unto the flesh. You would not be wasted in the service of the Lord God forever and ever, amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in the sacrificial living unto the Lord God all days of your living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 18-19; Matthew 6:1-18

JANUARY 8TH KNOWING THE MUTUAL DEPENDABILITY OF THE CHRISTIAN BODY

READ Romans 12:5 "So we, numerous as we are, are one body in Christ (the Messiah) and individually we are parts one of another [mutually dependent on one another]."

Perhaps there is no better way of explicating today's Scriptural piece than an examination of the Godhead. Why the Godhead in the first instance? Why not God Almighty alone in His prowess and might? Why bring out the two other Personalities from Himself and collectively work as One? Why need the Father call on both the Son and the Holy Spirit to come and form the man in Their own image? And why call on the two members of the Godhead to come and examine the tower of Babel as seen in Genesis 11? Why not act on His own? Still on the need for the mutual dependence of the faithful in the Lord, why you want to ask did he Lord God see the need for the creation of the woman for the complement of the work of the man? And why did the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and God in Christ need appoint the twelve? For what purpose really; and if He hadn't appointed them, who would have continued His work after His translation into Glory in the heavenly? Recall that Naaman was almost losing his miracle until prompted by one of his servants. Were it not for him, Naaman's name would not have been in the Scripture today. Moses you would recall had to rely on Hur and Aaron to hold his hands high for the Israelites to prevail finally upon the Amalekites. If they were not there, how would he have performed the work of his ministry effectively? No doubt we all need ourselves righteously in the work and workings of the ministry; His ministry really. Amen.

PRAY you will come into the reality of the Truth, His Truth really

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 20-22; Mathew 6:19-43

JANUARY 9TH BE SINCERE IN YOUR LOVING

READ Romans 12:9 "[Let your] love be sincere (a real thing); hate what is evil [loathe all ungodliness, turn in horror from wickedness], but hold fast to that which is good."

The topic today may appear superfluous in that loving is the fulfillment of the Law as one who first loves God and then his fellow man is said to be perfect and perfected in the way of righteousness ordinarily. But since man has been crafty since the fall in Eden, it is not impossible to see those faking His love; after all people fake the faith of Jesus Christ. As a result, the above admonition is not without grounds. There is the need to be genuine in our all. If we are angry there should be no room for cover up as the Bible provides for righteous anger. There is even the provision for wrong judgment prompting acceptance of guilt when confronted with the truth and resulting in righteous restoration. As a result, we should all be genuine in our love and loving. So what are genuine love and loving? A genuine love is one that proceeds from the heart of truth; from the heart that is devoted to God Almighty; from the heart committed to doing and telling the truth. It is a heart that is reborn in the righteousness of God. Consequently, such a heart has no place for fakism or things like that. It is a heart real and truthful. It can be natural and simple in its application and disposition. When supernatural, it is linked totally to the Lord God Almighty in His truth. No evil can proceed from a true heart of love and loving. Are you this disposed? Am I this prepared and energized in Him? It is time I am.

PRAY you are truly in love in Christ Jesus and not otherwise

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis23-24; Matthew 7

JANUARY 10TH ACKNOWLEDGING BROTHERLY AFFECTION IN THE FAITH OF CHRIST

READ Romans 12:10 "Love one another with brotherly affection [as members of one family], giving precedence and showing honor to one another."

The essence of being truthful in loving is to showcase same to the fellow human beings particularly those in the Household of the Faith. There is no need of possessing an ability when one is not ready to utilize same in one's daily relation to others. The essence of fellowship is loving relation. Anything short of this is not acceptable nor is it worthy of the name. As a result, we come to a furtherance of our discussions of yesterday. One major reason why I am married to the *Amplified Bible* is its ability to simplify and characterize almost all necessary lexical items in the reading. Here for example, we are not left in doubt as to what it is to love one another with brotherly love. It is saying that we are truly brothers in the Faith; after all we are all born anew in His Redemptive Blood. In this we have a stronger relation than the ordinary as the Redemptive Blood, His BLOOD really links us all together regardless of race, color or education. In Christ Jesus we are all a happy righteous family never minding individual limitations. As a

result, we are to see the other person for who he truly is-an extension of me. Therefore, it is most easy giving precedence to him and showing him the required honor. Why? It is because what honor is done him is done to the self; and peradventure he is injured, I am equally injured in the Faith that is Christ Jesus. So let us live as here specified howbeit in His power only.

PRAY His affections will flow in you to all others

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 25-26; Matthew 8:1-17

JANUARY 11TH KNOWING THE DETAILS OF HOPING IN CHRIST

READ Romans 12:12 "Rejoice and exult in hope; be steadfast and patient in suffering and tribulation; be constant in prayer."

Without faith there can be no hope or hoping in the Lord. In other words, there is hope for anyone and everyone who is in the Faith of Jesus Christ based on the promises of the Lord in His Word. Put another way, trust and believe in the Word of God major among which is His promises engender hope and hoping in Him based on our knowledge of Him. Consequent upon our belief in all His Words, we hope in His ability to fulfilling same. As a result, we joy in the hope of His faithfulness to do as promised. Joying in the hope of the fulfillment of His promise in any particular instance leads to our exulting in this divine expectation the same that is as good as the fulfillment. Yet, there are accompaniment of hope and hoping in the Lord. The very essence of hoping presupposes expectation, but one with Christly certainty just as we hope for a reunion with the Father and the Son in eternity life. Accordingly, one who is hopeful in the Lord exercises patience and endurance for the Lord to come at the time He alone has determined. There is no expression of disappointment or the expectation of the non-fulfillment of that which is hoped for. Constance in prayer and fasting to ensuring one's hope is not fading not because of the inability of God to perform but because of human nature is the key to sustained hope and expectation in the Lord. We are therefore blessed in the Lord God in all righteous hopes and hoping.

PRAY you are encouraged in hope of His coming

HIS BLOOD HS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 27-28; Matthew 8:18-28

JANUARY 12TH WHAT IT IS TO SHARING IN THE NECESSITIES OF THE SAINTS

READ Romans 12:13 "Contribute to the needs of God's people [sharing in the necessities of the saints]; pursue the practice of hospitality."

By necessities is meant that which is needful and which can and must not be denied. Oxygen is necessary to the life of all living beings as carbon dioxide is to the plants. For all faithful who truly hope in the Lord, Holy Spirit dwelling within the person of the faithful is a necessity. In the same way, providing for the necessities of the saints, God's own people who are given to the works of God in such a way that it is practically impossible to serve God wholeheartedly and

fend for their living at the same time is a must for all faithful. There are lots of needful areas of the saints in their proclamation of the Gospel as effectively required by the Holy Spirit. Just as there are diverse areas of needs, there are equally diverse opportunities and empowerment to assist. All are enjoined to perform as enabled. Where there is sin is not giving as divinely ordained or so giving with ulterior motive. Remember that our father Abraham entertained just three Angels and angelic beings with a whole fattened oxen and was blessed enormously by so doing. Indeed, it was through same that he obtained the promise of the Promised child. Had he been miserly in his giving, he would have missed out on His Promise. Ditto for Lot his nephew who also showed unimaginable geniality for strangers who were angels of the Living God and by so doing saved his life as well as that of his daughters. Where do you and I stand in all these? We are blessed if we obey Him always. Amen.

PRAY you are divinely inspired in your geniality always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 29-30; Mathew 9:1-17

JANUARY 13TH UNPRECEDENTED BLESINGS OF ALL

READ Romans 12:14 "Bless those who persecute you [who are cruel in their attitude towards you]; bless and do not curse."

In summary, blessing is the totality of good wish and the expression of same. There is nothing more than this in blessing. It is the same as wishing the recipient the best of all that is required and this by one. As a result, when we talk of unprecedented blessing as noted here in the title, we are actually talking of the need to wish all well in all situations and without any exception no matter what the situation is such that all who live and pilgrimage this earth will appropriate all the Lord has purposed for them without any failure or failing. It is in this context that the remaining part of the Scriptural piece which admonishes to bless perpetual and do nothing but bless is relevant. If I must bless unconditionally and curse not which is the withholding of blessing and the expression of its opposite, then I must be superhuman meaning I must put on the garb of the Holy Spirit in Whose power and might alone one can accomplish all that is divinely purposed for one. It means the ignoring and the discountenancing of all evil done to one by any and in whatever situation such that one is good always. By implication therefore, blessing always is being good always. Are you this blessed? Yes! Being able to bless all is being blessed for greater blessing can no man have than being a blessing for all who will come his way.

PRAY you come into this blessing

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOUR TODAY-Genesis 31-322; Mathew 9:18-38

JANUARY 14TH LIVING AT PEACE IN ALL POSSIBILTIES AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE

READ Romans 12:18 "If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

The choice of the possibility on one's part to live peacefully with all is of paramount importance in today's ministration. Can anything be impossible to the believer? Yes and quite a lot. However we want to explore why the injunction here or rather the admonition here is hypothetical. To start with only what one is enabled for is what is possible for the person. Even in the Faith that is Jesus of Nazareth, I can only appropriate that which is given to me and even then at the appointed time. However, the choice of possibility here is not to mean that some Christians are enabled to live peacefully while some are not. No. This is not the case. What it speaks of is the differences in growth as well as disposition even in the Faith of Christ Jesus. Some are well disposed to His injunctions and all of them really while others are not as they take their time in attaining growth and maturity. We are living in a world that is inundated with variations. In some way, the Church of God is not immune from this. Thus, any who is prepared to accept all Biblical injunctions will not relent on any as here specified. Rather, he or she will do all that is required to live peacefully with all caring less what the other person nurses against him or her and not minding how the other person reacts to his peace gesture. Accordingly, living in peace with all from your own end entails ensuring you nurse no grudge against any; you keep no one at the other end of your inner mind. Rather, you on your own ensure you go not to bed with any grudge but ensure you do that which His Holy Spirit in you prompts you. In this you are most blessed in Him. Amen.

PRAY you are all possibilities in the Faith that is Christ as ordained for you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 33-35; Matthew 10:1-20

JANUARY 15TH EXEMPLIFYING THE POSIBILITY OF LIVING PEACEFULLY WITH ALL

READ Romans 12:20 "But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head."

In furtherance of the theoretical frame work listed yesterday, we are today given the step by step path to living peacefully with all from our own point of view. As a matter of truth and fact, what does living peacefully mean to all? In all truthfulness, this means that we do no evil to anybody regardless of who or what they are and what they are busy doing to us either in our favor or against our interest. Accordingly, with a pure heart, we are to be doer of good always and to everyone we come in contact with as we repay no evil with evil. Instead, for every evil done us we do good in turn such that the doer of evil is surprised and amazed at our action. This is what Christianity is. For everyone who borrows a coat from us and returns it not we do not shut our doors for a second borrowing not to call it crafty stealing. To all our avowed enemies who consistently seek our destruction we offer favor and exemplary show of grace, His Grace really as King David showed King Saul who sought the former's life all his reign. To the thirsty enemy, we readily offer nourishing drink such that he would wonder what definition of enmity you possess. Where you run into the endangered pet of your avowed enemy, you offer assistance and in this way you allow your good doing to sway the evil of your enemy. This is the practicality of the injunction. Amen.

PRAY you will heed the divine injunction being given by His Holy Spirit always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 36-38; Mathew 10:21-42

JANUARY 16TH KNOWING AND ACKNOWLEDGING WHERE GOD ALMIGHTY STANDS

READ Psalm 82:1"GOD STANDS in the assembly [of the representatives] of God; in the midst of the magistrates or judges He gives judgment [as] among the gods."

It is not only interesting but also fascinating to note where God Almighty stands. From today's Scriptural piece, it is affirmed that God can only be found in the assembly of the righteous; in the gathering of those who truly and affirmatively give their lives to Christ and are resolutely living in His precepts. These are the generations that seek after the Lord God Almighty; that run after pleasing the God of the heavens in all they embark upon. They are not interested except in all that pleases the Almighty. These are those who have lost out willingly on things personal and vain glorying. Like the patriarchs of old, these are heavenly focused and will not be distracted by any and all things extraneous to His Kingdom. These are referred to in Revelation as having washed their clothes in the Precious Blood of the Lamb and will never allow same to be soiled by whatever means. This is most fascinating as noted earlier on. In other words, God Almighty loathes disdainly all assemblies of the unjust; of the unfaithful and indeed of the untruthful. This is no big deal. The greatest revelation here is that our ability to embrace and accept this truth of the Almighty. May we never ever be left out of His mercifulness. Amen. You are most blessed if you live in this knowledge cum divine wisdom.

PRAY you will be found in the assembly of the righteous always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 39-40; Matthew 11

JANUARY 17TH MEETING THE JUST GOD WHO KEEPS AND CARES FOR THE NEEDY

READ Psalm 82:3 "Do justice to the weak (poor) and fatherless; maintain the rights of the afflicted and needy."

Our God apart from our knowledge of Him as righteous is most Just. His justice ensures that from the provisions of the rich, the poor are already taken care of. What do I mean? I mean that before God allows a person, nation, or society to be poor or to be destitute in one form or the other, He has made provisions for the emancipation of the oppressed through giving more than enough to the rich and the abundant. The Bible plainly tells us this. For instance, the woman of Shunem was well provided for to take care of the needs of the prophet Elijah as God had ensured her husband to recognize and acknowledge the wisdom of God in his wife. As a result, he hardly disregarded any of her suggestions. By the time the prophet Elijah was sent to the brook Kidron, God had provided for him resins who brought him cakes until the brook dried up by which the widow of Zarephath was ready and handy. This is the theme of today's Scriptural piece as we see that God keeps and cares for the needy and the destitute. From another perspective, we are all destitute at creation. No one brought anything into the world. But God in

His graciousness has made provisions for all His creatures such that none lacks any good thing of life unless specially handicapped. Even then, God has a way of sustaining all. Glory be to His Name now and forever more amen. In this wise, the weak and the fatherless as well as the orphaned need not be troubled. God is more than enough for them all. Amen.

PRAY you are this knowledgeable always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 41-42; Matthew 12:1-23

JANUARY 18TH SEEING THE GOD WHO WILL RESCUE THE NEEDY FROM THE HANDS OF THE WICKED

READ Psalm 82:4 "Deliver the poor and needy; rescue them out of the hand of the wicked."

We have in our discussions of late examined the good God Who always takes care of the needy regardless of the situation they find themselves. Here today, the focus is on the wicked vis-a vis God's rescue plans for the needy from the clutches of the wicked. So who here is the wicked? The wicked is any and all who will not hearken to the Laws of God; who will show no compassion for the less advantaged but who will exploit and take advantage of them. These are the wicked being highlighted here. Although there are categories of the needy just as there are categories of the wicked too, God will always take care of the less advantaged such that they are not made prey to the powerful. This accounts in part for the emergence of good government over the bad once the moment the groaning of the Lord's own people reaches His ears. You will recollect that it is God Who Himself reigns in the Kingdom of men and gives it to whosoever He pleases. This is the point we are making today or rather being examined here. God will never allow the wicked to make mincemeat of the disadvantaged. No. He never won't allow this for any reason because both the rich the powerful, and the poor are all His creations. The many times David was rescued from the murderous King Saul was a case in point. Also, Joseph was not allowed to go into sheol by the device of his brethren but was delivered from all their evil intentions. Alleluia.

PRAY you will never tread the path of the wicked

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 43-45; Matthew 132: 24-50

JANUARY 19TH KNOWING THAT YOU ARE A GOD AFTER HIS FASHION

READ Palm 82:6 "I said, You are gods [since you judge on My behalf, as My representatives]; indeed, all of you are children of the Most High."

It is mandatory for all faithful in the least to be aware of their position and right in the Kingdom of the Lord. This is one point today's Scriptural piece highlights. Long before Christ pilgrimaged this world, the Scripture which cannot be voided has established that we believers even under the Old dispensation of the Law also known as the Mosaic are gods. But god in what sense? In the context we are discussing, we are gods as His representatives here on earth. Because we are

standing in for Him and we have His Word by which If any lives he would be free from the consequences of sin and eternal death, we are Him not just representing Him. Indeed we have His power and authority to be Him so long as we keep His tenets. When the Grace dispensation came up, more graces were made available to us as we believe in Him and follow His commands. Indeed, we come to know that under the Grace era, we have equal rights with the Father in the Son as much as the Son Himself as we are joint heirs of His. Alleluia. How much of this do you and I know or rather how much of these have we given ourselves to knowing? We must know our rights in Him perfectly. Amen.

PRAY you are knowledgeable and aptly apply same righteously

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 46-48; Matthew 13:1-30

JANUARY 20TH WHEN HIS ENEMIES BECOME MANURE OF THE EARTH

READ Psalm 83:10 "Who perished at Endor, who became manure for the earth."

The incidents referred to here as well as the dramatic personae are quite worthy of note when we are considering the power of our God the only Almighty Who dwells in the heavenly presently but who no doubt will inhabit the domain of men at the fullness of His time and purpose. Everywhere in Scripture, we are inundated with the miraculous deliverance of those who rested their trust in the Lord and the varying ways God manifested His power and might over His foes. While the incident referred to here show the human as becoming manure to fertilize the earth, the drowning of Pharaoh and his hosts in the sea of Reeds did not allow for this. Rather they became food for the fishes and other dwellers of the great sea. At other times, it was the roasting of His enemies by the heavenly fire making them of no use at all even in their death. Whatever the situation, God is mighty. Our God is Holy and Perfect Who alone does all things perfectly well. It is high time you repose confidential trust in Him as never before such that His goodness will be profound and made manifest in your lives. You are most blessed in Him forever, amen.

PRAY His might will fight for and elevate you and not otherwise

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Genesis 49-50; Mathew 13:31-58

JANUARY 21ST LEARNING THE SIMILE OF HIS DESTRUCTIION

READ Psalm 83:14 "As fire consumes the forest, and as the flame sets the mountains ablaze."

In English language study which in am blessed in His Grace to be competent in, simile is defined as a literary device that is based on similarities. Thus we say someone is as black as the charcoal or as white as snow. This is the sense in which today's ministration is to be couched. Here again we are being taken visually although in the mental realm into the powerful hands of the Lord in the destruction of His enemies as He makes a mincemeat of them all just as the fire consumes the forest. Any who has been blessed to witness from afar off the powerful hands of fire as it

destroys completely the forest, will appreciate the totality of God's Sovereignty in making a complete mess of His foes. If this simile is not good enough or if its message is missed, another is annexed thereto which is the same destructive power of the fire, indeed, the fore of the Almighty as it consumes the entire mountain of His enemies. Perhaps you are the learned type who is yet to completely fathom the greatness of the Lord, know that at other times, God may decide to render the effect of His fire non-consuming as it was the case of Moses in the burning bush in which the bush was not consumed. Indeed, our God is Mighty and dreadful. Amen.

PRAY you are wonderfully blessed in His Word always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 1-3; Matthew 14:1-21

JANUARY 22ND BEING LOYALLY SUBJECT TO GOVERNING CIVIL AUTHORITY

READ Romans 13:1 "LET EVERY person be loyally subject to the governing (civil) authorities."

Today's ministration is straight forward although not that simple in comprehension. Clearly, we are all to obey civil authority. All knows that or at least should know this much. But then we are admonished to be loyally subject, meaning we are to obey them because it is our duty which we should joyfully do. For one, when there is law and order in any society, there is peace as much as it is desired and people can go about their lawful duties. In the same vein, law breakers can be easily apprehended. So obeying civil authority therefore is for our own good. Over and above this however, it is the law of the Giver of Life; the Owner of all that is the universe. Accordingly, any who disobeys, disobeys the God of the heavens Himself and will not be blessed for so doing even if his sin is overlooked. More than this, realizing that no one can appropriate anything unto himself except first given in the heavenly will teach us that the people occupying the posts are there by God's direct ordination. Whether through a coup or rigged election or whatever, no one will appropriate governance who God has not allowed so to be. As a result, whatever they do directly comes from God even though God can never be blamed for their lapses. If therefore any disobey, he does that to his destruction. But how do we comport ourselves in an occasion when unrighteous laws are promulgated like that of Nebuchadnezzar decreeing all to worship his image or like that of Haman seeking to be worshipped? My opinion which is not unscriptural is for one to overtly obey God rather than men in the instance and damn the consequences even if it means perishing. Amen.

PRAY you are taught always by His Spirit and you accept His teachings always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 4-6; Matthew 14:22-36

JANUARY 23RD DREADING THOSE IN AUTHORITY

READ Romans 13:3 "For civil authorities are not terror to [people of] good conduct, but to [those of] bad behavior. Would you have no dread of him who is in authority? Then do what is right and you will receive his approval and commendation."

There is no denying the fact that there is a dread associated with authority at all levels whether in the house, school, office or in the church of God. Dread simply is the fear of punishment or the consequences of disobedience. However, we are here examining not just the physical dread as much as the spiritual emanating from the God Almighty Himself owing to the truth that all authority including the one Satan exercises emanates from the Lord God. Whether or not they are deployed righteously is another thing entirely. Put another way; God does not just give power to the authorities that be. More than this He invested in them the ability to bring any and all forcefully into subjection and submission. But no one needs fear the authority in this way if one is law abiding. The lesson is that any who does not obey physical authority seen is not likely in all probability to obey the spiritual and divine that is not and could not be seen. This is the focus of today's ministration. You and I have to learn to obey authority at all levels seeing in them the representation of God Almighty. He cannot come down to earth to abide. He has thus delegated His authority to those here to administer on His behalf. This has been the situation since the fall in Eden and is theologically termed the Dispensation of Human Government. Remain blessed in the Lord God Almighty always, alleluia.

PRAY you are this blessed in His knowledge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLEH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 7=8; Matthew 15:1-20

JANUARY 24TH RENDERING TO ALL MEN THEIR DUES

READ Romans 13:7 "Render to all men their dues. [Pay] taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, and honor to whom honor is due."

Here we are again in our further consideration of our civic responsibilities as Christians. Christianity is not civic responsibility. As a matter of fact, civic governance is an act of divine prerogative given to our politicians as His earthly representatives in the political plain. As a result, it is in our own interest as Christians more than any other person's I would add to ensure that we do not knowingly and unknowingly hinder and hamper the smooth running of the earth which we know is the Lord's as well as its fullness. We are obliged to do well to seeing the world run smoothly in His righteousness. This we will achieve really by first ensuring that to every person walking on the face of the earth and to whom your paths will cross we show God's righteous courtesy. Yes! This is our simplest responsibility. We are to ensure that everyone living as well as the deceased where this is the case are righteously treated. Righteousness dictates that all be treated with equity. No one is to be denied his or her rightful and righteous position. Justice must be dispensed righteously to all at all times. Once this is assured, we can be sure that whether or not one comes to the Church the teachings of the Church, the Lord's Church really are being societally adhered to in which society is the best for it. Accordingly, owe no one anything but give righteously to all. Amen.

PRAY you are alive to your civic responsibilities always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 9-11; Matthew 15:21-30

JANUARY 25TH LEARNING TO KEEPING OUT OF DEBT

READ Romans 13:8 "Keep out of debt and owe no man anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor [who practices loving others] has fulfilled the Law [relating to one's fellowmen, meeting all its requirements]."

It is a declarative statement here given to us which the totality of Scriptural knowledge does not violate that we should keep out of debt, meaning we should not be habitually indebted to others particularly in areas of money. The *New International* version of the Bible has it thus: "*Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another,".* This shows that the intension here is monetary debt. There is no argument that the Bible approves of borrowing even though we have the blessing of ever lending and never borrowing as seen for instance in Deuteronomy 28. But this you will agree with me is the perfect situation that is brought about through absolute obedience to His laws. So we can and should borrow where the need arises; but we should not be habitual borrowers who live permanently on credit. One way of avoiding this is to live according to our needs and our resources. If for whatever reason I need a car and can hardly afford same, borrowing should be the last option such that I am not permanently living my life in debt. It is the worst form of enslavement in modern time. Peradventure I borrow from any source, it is my duty to pay back as promptly as I am enabled overlooking other needs until full payment is made. To borrow and refuse to pay back while buying other things is the worst character a Christian can display in the Faith. Accordingly, contentment comes in here. Are you contented? Am I really contented? It is in our interest so to be. Praise the Lord God.

PRAY you will know your needs and live by same

HIS BLOOD HISFLSH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 12-13; Matthew 16

JANUARY 26TH LEARNING TO LIVE AND CONDUCT OURSELVES HONORABLY

READ Romans 13:13 "Let us live and conduct ourselves honorably and becoming as in the [open light of] day, not in reveling (carousing) and drunkenness), not in quarreling and jealousy."

Honor has to do with that which is antithetical to shame. What I am saying here is that honorable conducts are edifying conducts; they are acceptable forms of behavior that will lead to the good of the individual as well as the society. Christianity if we may say it for the umpteenth time is the religion that elevates the self as originally conceived by God Almighty. It is the only religion that restores to humanity his original dignity and integrity in all areas. As a result, it prescribes the acceptable norms from the perspective of the Owner of the universe Himself. One of such is what is listed in today's Scriptural piece. First, we are admonished to behave always as if we are being showcased on a daylight movie. We are not to behave as one would under the dark cloud of the night. In other words, anything that will not see the light of the day; anything condemnable; anything and all things inglorious we are to shun. As a result and avoiding all ambiguity, we are to shun reveling the same that is carousing or any behavior

likewise. Also to be shunned is drunkenness whether physical or symbolical as it relegates one to animalistic being. Next is the avoidance of quarreling. The last listed here is the shunning of jealousy. I want to agree and assume we all know what all these mean otherwise we would have to examine them at other times God willing.

PRAY you are this comported

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 14-15; Matthew 17

JANUARY 27TH KNOWING HOW TO CLOTHE ONESELF WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

READ Romans 13:14 "But clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and make no provision for [indulging] the flesh [put a stop to thinking about evil cravings of your physical nature] to [gratify its] desires (lusts)."

Putting on of clothes for all the reasons that may be adduced is essentially covering up our nakedness. Essentially, this is the purpose or rather is supposed so to be. It doesn't matter what kind of clothing material is put on. The essential thing is that one's nakedness is not exposed. As a result, this symbolism here employed has in mind the covering up of our natural and sinful nature and being with and in the Lord Jesus Christ. But why Jesus Christ and not either of the Father and the Holy Spirit? To start with, the Trio works in harmony. There is nothing done by One that is hidden from the Other. No. This simply is impossible. Perhaps more importantly, it was Christ Jesus Who paid the price for our redemption and indeed for all that is redemptive in the universe. Although God was in Him here on earth when He did the unseemingly, yet it was Him Who hung on the Roman cross while all except the few who believed in Him as the Messiah mocked and jeered. So it is in His Name as given to Him by the Father, His Father only that salvation is obtained here under the sun. As a result, only those who truly believe in Him and so profess same and who continually live in Him as stipulated will have Him clothing them. It is as simple as this and as most difficult as this at the same time. Once you clothe yourself with Him then you are obligated to stop making excuses for the flesh and its lusting. Amen.

PRAY you are clothed always and forever with and in Jesus Christ the Lord

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus16-18; Matthew 18:1-20

JANUARY 28TH THE DANGERS INHERENT IN TRUSTING IN THE SELF BEING SELF-RIGHTEOUS

RERAD Luke 18:9 "He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves and were confident that they were righteous [that they were upright and in right standing with God] and scorned and made nothing of all the rest of men."

By the Grace of the Almighty Lord and God I have published a list of *The Apostolic Essays [2015]* of which a good part includes my examination of this particular Scriptural verse in our *Final Harvest* some years ago. You can read the whole length if you key into our web site www.morworld.org and click on the book *The Apostolic Essays 2015.* For now all we would say

here is that there are a good number of faithful who throng the various houses of the Lord particularly on Sundays to flaunt their righteousness which is no righteousness but wantonness. I refer to them as presentday Pharisees practicing their Pharisaism without actually realizing that they are one. In this they are worse than the Pharisees of Christ days as this knew and acknowledged their Pharisaism. Any who will condemn others for any reason and claim to be truly born again cannot but be seen as what he is-presentday Pharisee. The Pharisees you will recollect were the self-righteous who put upon themselves the defense of the Laws of Moses even when the Law Dispensation was over. They forgot or were totally ignorant of the truth that no one calls himself except called and chosen by the Lord God Himself. They were destitute of the Holy Spirit. As a result, they could not acknowledge their sins let alone recognize and worship the Savior. Little wonder they died in their sins and lost heaven. What was more, they prevented not a few from accepting the Messiah. Are you one of such? You are a great danger not only to yourself but to humanity at large. Seek the Lord God truly today in humbly.

PRAY you are truly repentant and truly righteous in Christ Jesus

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 19-20; Matthew 18:21-35

JANUARY 29TH FINDING OUT THE TRUE JUSTIFICATION IN CHRIST JESUS

READ Luke 18:14 "I tell you, this man went down to his home justified (forgiven and made upright and in right standing than the other man; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

The first divine truth I want to draw your attention to is the truth that the Publican was forgiven of his sins because he acknowledge same and more than this was made upright. This is the crux of the matter-being made upright in and by the Lord God. No one has the power or ability to cleanse his or herself. Rather, we are cleansed of our sins after we first acknowledge of same and confess them. Salvation is based entirely on accepting the vicarious and substitutionary sacrifice of the Lord Jesus on the Cross, His Cross really and humbly professing faith in His finished works. Any who claims he is not a sinner; any who thinks he is born righteous and needs no further cleansing; any who is naughty in the spirit has no portion in this. This is the issue that is being focused-that salvation is by Grace, indeed the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the Nazarene Whom the Father has so much exalted after paying the price for all and any sin the world over. The Pharisee never saw this. Rather, he gloated in his self-righteousness which is of no value before the Lord God Almighty. You and I must learn from this simple analogy. You must not only be born again but you must also be humble and so remain until eternity life into which you are translated by His power in His Grace. Remain blessed in Him perpetually, amen.

PRAY you are penitently submitted to the Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YPOIU TODAY-Exodus 21-22; Matthew 18

JANUARY 30TH WHEN AND WHY THE LORD GOD WILL REMEMBER YOU

READ Genesis 30:22 "Then God remembered Rachel and answered her pleading and made it possible for her to have children."

By the special Grace of the Almighty, I have taught severally that when we are told God remembered anybody or something, it is not to be assumed that He ever forgets anything. That will make Him not to be the God He is. Forgetfulness is not a complement. It smacks of limitation and our God is and cannot be ever limited. As a result, it is to be understood that when God is said to remember anybody, it is that it is time for Him to bring to pass that which He has purposed. If He has purposed you will die childless, there is no way He would remember you in terms of bringing forth. Accordingly, we understand that from today's Scriptural passage, God had purposed from eternity beginning to give Rachel a child at least in the context we are considering. Now that it was time for God to bring to pas that which He had purposed, it occurred to Him that it was time. It had to occur to Him then for He is God. By implication, when it is not time, nothing will bring your issue to Him no matter your level of supplication. You ask Daniel and he would tell you that he kept praying for twenty one days until it was time for God to remember him when He then sent Michael the arch angel to assist another arch angel Gabriel. May you wait for Him to remember you always, amen.

PRAY you will understand the language of Scripture

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 23-24; Matthew 20:1-16

JANUARY 31ST ACKNOWLEDGING THE SOURCE OF YOUR INCREASE

READ Genesis 30:30 "For you had little before I came, and it has increased and multiplied abundantly; and the Lord has favored you with blessings wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own house also?"

There is the need for us all to know who and what are responsible for our growth and increase in whatever we put our hands righteously into. What I mean is it is necessary that we are knowledgeable as to why God is doing what He has done in our lives. As believers, it is uttermost for us to realize that God is Who and What He is in our lives for Christ sake. This is the truth of our relation to God. We are who and what we are; and we would be who and what we would be only for Christ sake. By this is meant only by the sufficient and vicarious substitutionary sacrifice of the Lord God. In the same vein and deriving also from this, there are some divine truths we have to put in our hearts as we journey in the course of our salvation. The house of Potiphar was blessed tremendously just because it accommodated Joseph the Lord's beloved. All that was Potiphar's was blessed because of the presence of God's delight in the person of Joseph. I want to believe that as soon as Joseph exited there from, this flow of His blessings stopped. This was the case with Obed-Odom who was blessed immensely for housing the ark of covenant when King David was too scared to house same. You will also recollect here that the Lord was gracious to the house of Laban simply because of Jacob the beloved. If we are conscious of the truth that we are nothing save for His Grace, we would conduct ourselves humbly and continue to enjoy His Grace the more. Amen.

PRAY you appreciate His Grace that is unending in your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 25-26; Matthew 20:17-34

FEBRUARY 1ST SINGING OF THE MERCY AND LOVING-KINDNESS OF THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 89:1 "I WILL sing of the mercy and loving-kindness of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness from generation to generation."

There is always the need to showcase the faithfulness of the Lord God in our lives as long as we pilgrimage this earth. One major reason for our existence is witnessing as it is the glory and the undeserved blessings of God Almighty upon pour lives. I am a living witness and testimony of the Grace of God in abundance upon an undeserving and unworthy soul as I am. Born into a natural fetish home where the knowledge of God was alien to the entire nativity; born unto parents who were stark illiterates; but brought up by His divine Grace to be born when my parents have found Him the Savior, and nurtured in His Faith. Then educated miraculously by His Grace to attain the highest grade possible in education and more than all these, called into Christianity not just as a believer but as a teacher of His Word to the unknowing world. You tell me what I am living for except to praise and worship Him and witness to His faithfulness in my own life and living. I know without anybody telling me that I am the worst of sinners in that I am most unfaithful to Him. Yet for reasons of Christ and Christ alone, He has consistently and stubbornly remained faithful to me. So what else am I living for than being His Living testimony for all to see and believe in Him? God, you are worthy of all praises from the entire universe which You alone made in Christ Jesus. Thank You Father of all Grace!

PRAY you dutifully appreciate His Grace upon your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 27-28; Matthew 21:1-22

FEBRUARY 2ND COMING TO TERMS WITH HIS EVERLASTING ESTABLISHMENT OF HIS THRONE IN YOU

READ Psalm 89:4 "Your Seed I will establish forever, and I will build up your throne for all generations. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!"

You need to be conversant with Scripture to better appreciate the piece above. The entire Psalm is a testimony of the goodness of God Almighty in the life and times of King and Prophet David the man after God's own heart. He desired the goodness of God Almighty without waiting for Him to so instruct him. For planning to build a befitting edifice for God where His Presence would be, God covenanted him and his Seed the Same Who is the Savior with the Perpetuity covenant. What is this covenant? It is as here enumerated-that He God would establish His throne on earth and by implication in the entire universe through the Seed of King David the shadow of which was and still is the kingship of the house of Judah over all Israel. Although David little understood the symbolism then, nevertheless he appreciated God for that being good and merciful to him and his father's house. So where are you involved? You and I are so

involved if as true sons of God Almighty we think Him in our all particularly in our opulence and abundance. It is not to acknowledge Him only but to dedicate our all to Him desiring and willing to give Him all and to die for Him should He so desire of us. No more; no less; nothing else; at any and all costs. Amen.

PRAY you are this desirous of the Lord God Almighty

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 29-30; Matthew 21:23-46

FEBRUARY 3RD IS THE LORD'S WRATH TO BURN FOREVER

READ Psalm 89:46 "How long, O Lord? Will You hide Yourself forever? How long shall your wrath burn like fire?"

Certainly, the Lord's wrath never burns eternally never minding our earlier position on this. For eternity, the Lord's wrath cannot burn for this will mean there will be no eternal peace the same which is different and anomalous to Bible position. No doubt there is a portion of the Lord's wrath that I will prefer to call and see as enduring. One of these is the truth of our dying even in the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Yet, Scripture tells us in no ambiguity that death himself shall die. As a matter of divine truth, death is the last enemy of all that will be destroyed. This is talking in the ultimate. But with regards to specific judgment, there is no record in the Bible of the Lord's judgment not being specified. Death for all is in place until the glorious second coming of the Messiah. The flood of Noah was for a specified period as well as the judgment of the Lord over Judah in which they were to be in captivity in Babylon for seventy years. My position which is supported by Scripture is that God's wrath cannot ever be for eternity. He is angry no doubt. And His anger for just one second is enough to burn off the universe. Yet, His mercies endure forever and ever. We conclude that God does not and cannot hide Himself forever for then His vision and purpose for the universe will be vitiated. Glory is God in the highest heaven amen.

PRAY you know the mind of God adequately on all matters

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 31-33; Matthew 22: 1-22

FEBRUARY 4TH SHALL ANY MAN LIVE AND NEVER DIE; HAS ANY SO LIVED?

READ Psalm 89:48 "What man can live and shall not see death, or can deliver himself from the [powerful] hand of Sheol (the place of the dead)? Selah [pause, and calmly consider that]!"

The question above is very interesting particularly to me in my various experiences of death of some highly revered persons who were at the same time righteous in Christ. But the answer is in what my father told me as he was preparing for his death six months before. He told me emphatically that I would know that God does not befriend any to the point of that person not dying. And so my father bowed to death exactly six months after that revelation without falling sick. Glory is God in the highest heavens. But while my father will be joying where he is now that

he had told his favorite son the truth, I want him and all others to note that there had been exceptions to this. The first was Enoch the seventh from Adam whose translation was not ceremonious. The other was the prophet Elijah whose translation into glory outside of death was very celebrated and ceremonious. Both are presently living in heavens without having tasted death. No doubt, both were and are still God's bosom friends. So to the second question the answer is certainly yes. But as regards the first, we say there is none who can live and never see or taste death; even the two mentioned above will ultimately submit to death as seen in Revelations 11. This has to be so because it has been appointed for man once to die and then the judgment as noted in Hebrews 9:27. Since this piece of Scripture needs be fulfilled like all the others, we conclude that there will be none to live and not to die until an end which is imminent is made of death himself. Alleluia.

PRAY you will live in His Truth always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 34-35; Matthew 22:23-46

FEBRUARY 5TH HOW IS GOD OUR DWELLING PLACE FROM GENERATIONS PAST?

READ Psalm 90:1 "LORD, YOU have been our dwelling place and our refuge in all generations [says Moses]."

To dwell is to inhabit. It is to occupy a place usually as a living habitat. Thus if God had been our dwelling place in generations past, then we are saying that we find refuge and accommodation in Him. It is both symbolic as well as literal. Symbolically, there is no better habitation and by implication dwelling place than in the Lord God Who is all to all who repose confidence and trust in Him truly. His omnipotence is such that all who are in existence; all who had ever existed; and all who will ever exist all find dwelling in Him. After all He conceived of and actually brought all and everything into being. Then He ensures all are sustained and well taken care of. Literally, God Almighty is our dwelling place as we all look up to Him for our all on a daily basis. There is no creature of His that can actually live and sustain itself outside of His benevolence. It is in this regards that God is our dwelling. It is also in this connection that we are also indwelled by Him in the sense that He lives in us. Remember He is the Spirit and being spiritual is Omniscient and Omnipresent. There is no denying the truth that God had been for us all this while from the first generation of mankind and will be there for us all until the end of this existence. Glory is His Name now and forever more alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are actually this informed

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 36-38; Matthew 23:1-22

FEBRUARY 6TH THE NATURE OF SIN IS SELF-REVEALING

READ Psalm 90:8 "Our iniquities, our secret heart and its sins [which we would so like to conceal even from ourselves], You have set in the [revealing] light of Your countenance."

No doubt, there is the need for all of us to know and appreciate as we acknowledge the nature of sin and sinning. By its nature, sin is self-revealing. That is the reason why the Savior admonished that there is nothing hidden that will not be made manifest. You wonder why this and you come to realize that sin will reveal itself at the fullness of time; the only antidote of which is confession. Once you confess your sin, you have taken the rug out of the realm of sin and its father Satan. Any who hides his sin or attempts so to do is just being involved in systematic self-delusion. Ask yourself who revealed to Jacob the beloved that Reuben slept with his wife; or who told God that King David took the wife of his captain? Ask again and see from Scripture who revealed to the man who drew the bow at venture and killed King Ahab except for his sins that found him out; or his grandson that was mauled down exactly at the very spot Naboth and his children were killed as prophesied through the very prophet Elijah. And ask yourself who will testify against all your unconfessed sins in the Day of Judgment and you will begin to realize the nature of sin. Adam sinned and he was found out or let out by his sin as he went to hide himself at the voice of the Lord in the same way Cain tried to hide himself from the Lord. Who revealed to God that Cain had slaughtered Able his brother except the blood of the slain? Sin is self-revealing. The solution? Avoid sin and sinning and confess your sins as soon as convicted by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAY you will not be destitute of God's revelation

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Exodus 39-40; Matthew 23:23-39

FEBRUARY 7TH ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE BREVITY OF LIFE IS CONNECTED TO OUR SIN?

READ Psalm 90:11 "Who knows the power of Your anger? [Who worthily connects this brevity of life with Your recognition of sin?] And Your wrath, who connects it with the reverent and worshipful fear that is due You?"

There are lots of misconceptions in the interpretation of this Psalm that is readily read during funeral services or related occasions. While not denying its appropriateness at this somber occasion, it is to be noted that Moses the man of God wrote this Psalm and it specifically relates to the Israelites who were in the wilderness under the sentence of denying at the prime of their days for doubting the authority of God. Outside of this generation, it has no literal meaning to any Israelites dead or alive; let alone all human beings in the world. The fact and truth of people living beyond seventy proves this much. However, one undeniable truth is that the sins of the Israelites indeed, their habitual doubting of His faithfulness was noticed by the Almighty as they roamed the wilderness pending the day of execution of those who had sinned by the means He alone designed. The lesson for us all here is that we should be weary of sin and sinning. It matters not if we are seen by any or not. God sees all and it is to Him we transgress each time we sin. For no sin will go unnoticed by Their Excellencies. As a result, I urge you to be dreadful of sinning. You will be blessed abundantly in Him perpetually, amen.

PRAY you are not deceived by the deceitfulness of sin and sinning

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 1-3; Matthew 24:1-28

FEBRUARY 8TH GETTING THE HEART OF WISDOM; HIS WISDOM REALLY

READ Psalm 90:12 "So teach us to number our days, that we may get us a heart of wisdom."

It is not enough to have wisdom or to begin the journey into wisdom domain. It is more important to get to the heart of wisdom. This means in part that wisdom is gradient as does all other Scriptural enablement be they grace, His Grace really, knowledge, or even faith the same that is the Faith of the Savior and Lord of all. We must therefore not be content with just acquiring wisdom but we must avail ourselves with the best of wisdom God has placed at our disposal. By any yard of measurement, King Hezekiah was wise; but not most wise even if we concede more wisdom to him. Were he to be most wise, he would have not hindered God the Almighty Who is all Wise when He wanted him home to make it impossible for the evil King Manasseh to be birthed. He discountenanced the wisdom of the Almighty choosing to live here in this damned and doomed world when it was most appropriate for him to depart. As a result he was never the same again as he lived outside of the decreed will of the Lord. The great prophet of the Lord Elijah too was deficient or rather showed traces of imperfect wisdom when he had it on his door step when he ran away from Dan to Bathsheba at the threat of the wicked witch Jezebel only to know that death had no power over him even until now. How best shall we perform our Christian works if we assail ourselves with the best of His Wisdom? This is the core of today's text. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in the best of His endowments in His Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 4-6; Matthew 24:29-51

FEBRUARY 9TH WHEN HE BRINGS INESCAPABLE CALAMITIES AND EVIL

READ Jeremiah 11:11 "Therefore thus says the Lord: Behold, I am bringing evil and calamity upon them which they will not be able to escape; though they cry to Me, I will not listen to them"

First, we have to understand the immediate context of these words of the Almighty and the recipients as well. Unfortunately, these harsh words of His Excellency were spoken to the unrepentant house of Israel, those to whom the oracles of the Almighty was sent originally. For persistent disobedience to His warnings after variously and wantonly disregarding His precepts, He warned that He was going to send evil and calamitous happenings to His own people who were His chosen. Who says God Who delights does not hate when He is forced to regret His goodness to His chosen! I pray you never experience being on the other side of His Grace. I pray you will never ever experience God's wrath if He is turned against one. In one verse this is what it looks like to have the Almighty for an enemy: "*Serve the Lord with reverent awe and worshipful fear; rejoice and be in high spirits with trembling [lest you displease Him]. Kiss the Son, [pay homage to Him in purity], lest He be angry and you perish in the way, for soon shall His*

wrath be kindled. O blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are all those who seek refuge and put their trust in Him!"-Psalm 2:11-12. The point is made; not only must He be worshipped, but more than this He must be worshipped in reverential fear otherwise, in one moment of His anger, doom is assured. Save us from this mighty and everlasting Lord and God. Amen.

PRAY you are not caught in careless and irreverent worship of the Father

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 6-7; Matthew 25:1-30

FEBRUARY 10TH REMEMBERING HIM IN THE MORNING OF YOUR YOUTH

READ Psalm 90:14 "O satisfy us with Your mercy and loving-kindness in the morning [now, before we are older], that we may rejoice and be glad all our days."

I must confess I have never seen this revelation before now and it is in this special and unique Psalm of His given in the wilderness under the leadership of Moses when Israel was under the sentence of dying at seventy. In verse 12 of same we have been taught to remember to number our days for the purposes of being wise in Him. In Ecclesiastes, we have been warned to remember our Lord God in the days of our youths largely to be prepared for the days of evil when only a sound footing in Him keeps one going. But here today as I am writing, His Grace has again revealed to me the more reason why we have to know Him in our morning, and not wait for the evening even if we would be so blessed to see same. The reason adduced here is for the certainty of our joy and being glad the whole of our days. Put another way, there is no other way to be assured of everlasting joy here on earth preparatory to eternity Life other than embracing Him as early as it is required. The wisdom in this can be seen in acquiring His knowledge and wisdom which if any acquires he or she would never fail in His purpose. Thus to all who are still young and are in their morning, I admonish you come on board the Way of Righteousness today, such that throughout your living you will only be led by Him and so abide in Him perfectly too. Amen.

PRAY you are earnestly living in Him righteously

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 8-10; Matthew 25:31-46

FEBRUARY 11TH WHEN AND WHY THE LORD WILL CONFIRM THE WORKS OF OUR HANDS

READ Psalm 90:17 "And let the beauty and delightfulness and favor of the Lord our God be upon us; confirm and establish the work of our hands-yes, the work of our hands, confirm and establish it."

There are so many deductions to be made from this important and memorable verse. Some of these are given now. First, there is beauty and delightfulness in the righteous worship of the Almighty upon all His faithful. Secondly, we have the favor of Him upon all His faithful as well as they journey in this world through His leading. More than this, we also deduce from here that the works of our hands when they are righteously performed in line with His revealed purpose

and will, need His establishment and confirmation. These apart, we know from this short conclusion to this important Psalm which is unique in the context of the brevity of the human life following first the fall in Eden and secondly the worst fall in the wilderness that without acting, working, and walking in His revealed will, we labor in vain. Only heaven knows the number of those who so labor. That this is so is seen in the declaration of the apostle Paul that if any man's work is burnt in the Holy Ghost fire, he loses his reward but not his salvation. This shows that his work is not established nor is it confirmed by the Almighty. To have our works established and confirmed by His miraculous in whatever way He alone has chosen, we have to know exactly our course in Him and His established way of achieving same and strictly keeping to this no matter the situation. Glory is God in the highest heavens alleluia.

PRAY you will not labor in vain even in His Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 11-12; Matthew 26:1-25

FEBRUARY 12TH WELCOMING AND ACCOMMODATING THE WEAK BRETHREN

READ Romans 14:1 "AS FOR the man who is a weak believer, welcome him [into your fellowship], but not to criticize his opinions or pass judgment on his scruples or perplex him with discussions."

From today's topic as backed up by the Scriptural verse, we know or we should know that this is not going to be a mean task. For we need the Holy Spirit and no one else to tell us how and when exactly to bear the weak brethren. Besides, how do we recognize one until we are so told by His Excellency the Holy Spirit or shown so to be? These are just part of the formidable problems that will confront the committed faithful who wants you live righteous and true to Scripture. Of a truth however, any who is weak as long as he or she is won over to Christ needs our understanding if only from our own experience of coming up in the faith. The essence of this piece therefore is to make room for growth in the Faith for even Abraham the father of faith grew in the faith and every believer must be tolerated to grow at the course the Lord has fashioned for him or her. There is no two ways to this. It is either we allow him or her to grow or we strangulate him or her through our overzealousness which is counter-productive. Consequently, we are to be patient, enduring, and humble knowing that every believer is after all answerable only to the Lord in the ultimate. Before his Lord and not you he is fallen or standing. And by the grace of God Almighty he or she would stand. Only that you and I should be aware lest we fall away from the ladder of Faith. Save us from this O Lord of hosts. Alleluia

PRAY you walk and live by His precepts and nothing else

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 13; Matthew 26:26-50

FEBRUARY 13TH WHY YOU AS A SON MUST HEED THE COMMANDMENTS OF YOUR FATHER AND GOD

READ Proverbs 3:1 "MY SON, forget not my law or teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments."

In today's Scriptural text, we see the two most common uses of the word father in Scripture. First we see it in the biological sense of fathering a son or better put, a child. Secondly, we see its figurative use in the sense of God rightly being our Father but based and housed in the heavenly. In both instances, the believer is urged fervently to heed the instructions the same that are the commandments of the father both in the literal and the figurative senses. For one thing, a child cannot outgrow his or her environment the same that principally includes his father and his domain. This explains why a Yoruba child who by nature is a Nigerian but birthed in the United Kingdom and brought up therein will naturally acquire the English language as mother tongue. This is so because that is where the father is domiciled. In the same token the child is what his environment makes him through exposure of the father. Thus, if the father is an atheist, chances are that the child will be brought up in atheism. The truth is the father makes the child under every normal circumstance. What this boils down to in the ultimate is that whatever we teach our children and make them imbibe they become. But having grown up, they become independent of us as they have to navigate their own lives. A reasonable child will however not discard the righteous leading of his father both in the literal and the symbolic senses. Are you this knowledgeable? It is time you do. Amen.

PRAY you are never rebellious to your father and the Father

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 14; Matthew 26:51-75

FEBRUARY 14TH KNOWING, RECOGNIZING, AND ACKNOWLEDGING GOD ALWAYS

READ Proverbs 3:6 "In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths."

As a follow up to yesterday's ministration, we are urged to concentrate our focus on our heavenly Father here Who alone gave birth to both our earthly father and ourselves. As a result, only He Who fashions us from eternity past can and does determine our course here on earth whether or not we are in the Way of righteousness. What our being in the Way, His Way really does to us is that it ensures we are on course and we are enabled for the very course for which we are sent here by Him. Any who will not acknowledge this much but will walk his way out of His will certainly not be ever fulfilled as far as his very purpose of being is concerned. Accordingly, we are to know Him. So how does one know God? Simply by coming into the Faith of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord meaningfully and truly. Secondly, acknowledging Him is the same thing as giving honor to Him for and in our all for without Him we are naught. Thirdly, to recognize Him is the same thing as knowing Him. What all these come to is that we are to recognize the supremacy and primacy of God of the heavens so as to wait on Him on our all not at all acting solo as I am always led to say. In this only you are what He alone has fashioned you from eternity beginning. Amen.

PRAY you are this wise in the Lord God Almighty

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY- Leviticus 15-16; Matthew 27:1-26

FEBRUARY 15TH RECOGNIZING THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD GOD FOR WHAT IT IS-LOVE

READ Proverbs 3:11 "My son, do not despise or shrink from the chastening of the Lord [His correction by punishment or by subjection to suffering or trial]; neither be weary of or impatient about or loathe or abhor His reproof,"

From our text today comes the revelation of God's love in another direction not too common and not easily welcomed either. God's love and indeed every genuine love really is based on being true to oneself and one another. It is this sense of commitment to the truth, His truth really that necessitates that when in the wrong and deserving of reproof, one must be accordingly so reproved. True love is devoid of all deceit and pretensions. If one is not doing it well, there is no two ways to it. I am simply not doing it well. Correction is part of reproof but is not all and one can be exposed to punishment as becomes necessary in the process of reproving one. This is the essence of today's ministration. When God corrects us or when we are corrected and reproved as become necessary, we must understand that the essence is to bring us back to the path of righteousness such that we are always in the right path. If we are not corrected and by implication reproved, how shall we be aware of our error; and when we are ignorant of our errors, how shall we correct same; if and when we cannot correct same, then we would be dead in our sins. Accordingly, just as pain is to draw our attention to the need to stop whatever brings same up, in the same way, reproof serves to bring us back into His righteousness after being summoned to the fault. Blessed are you in the Lord God for knowing this much.

PRAY you are not averse to correction

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 17-18; Matthew 27:27-50

FEBRUARY 16TH NOT BEING OVERTAKEN BY THE DAY OF THE LORD-THE WHY OF IT

READ 1 Thessalonians 5:4 "But you are not in [given up to the power of] darkness, brethren, for that day to overtake you by surprise like a thief."

Surprise is one element the thief explores to vent robbery on his target. In other words, the house owner is always taken aback by the thief or robber. This accounts for many robberies taking place at night or in a manner that shocks many. The day of the Lord has been described in Scripture as having this elemental surprise as it would fall on the unknowing like a thief catching his target hands down. For the believer who is truly schooled in Scripture, he is always on the lookout for the imminent return of the Savior. As a result, he must be made ready always redeeming the time for all days are evil. If however the believer thinks the Savior is far away and goes around doing what he alone will appreciate as opposed to what His Lord dictates, he has himself alone to blame. In this wise we all must make ourselves ready as our Lord for whom we have left all things of the earth is soon coming. His coming may be now. It may take decades or

millions of years. It is not for me to know exactly when He would return. But I must live all days of my life as the last all to His Glory. Glorify God Almighty in this.

PRAY you are not found wanting on His return

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 19-20; Matthew 27:51-66

FEBRUARY 17TH KNOWING THAT WE ARE ALL SONS OF LIGHT AND SONS OF THE DAY

READ 1 Thessalonians 5:5 "For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we do not belong either to the night or to darkness."

Children of God are symbolically linked to the light and if the light the day as well. In contrast to these, the Scripture links children of Satan with both darkness and night symbolically. For this reason it is noted in John 1 that the Light shines in the darkness and he darkness was not able to overcome it. Other versions say darkness couldn't comprehend the Light. In the same Bible passage, Christ is described as the Light that lights all who comes into this world. Partly, this is to be understood as meaning that when every person is conceived and in the fetus stage, he or she is lighted by the Grace and knowledge of the Savior. What he or she becomes in life is by choice. In other words, at birth under normal circumstance, we are made ready for salvation regardless of our parental leanings and circumstances necessitating our conception. Having been born into the world, we who believe truly in Him are enlightened and brightened in the victorious Light of the Savior purchased for us at Calvary the same that is our redemption in Christ Jesus. Apart from the symbolism, we also are enlightened and are made wise by our knowledge in Christ the same that enables us to live righteous as opposed to living unto the flesh. All these are involved in the declaration that forms today's topic and which is the core of the text itself. Be blessed in the Lord as you live in this truth. Amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in His enlightenment, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-0 Leviticus 21-22; Matthew 28

FEBRUARY 18TH KEEPING WIDE AWAKE IN CHRIST AND NOT FALLING ASLEEP

READ 1 Thessalonians 5:6 "Accordingly then, let us not sleep, as the rest do, but let us keep wide awake (alert, watchful, cautious, and on our guard) and let us be sober (calm, collected, and circumspect)."

It is meet to start today's ministration by alluding to the parable of the ten virgins. We all know that part of the undoing of the foolish virgins; the same that qualifies them to be so described was their sleeping off while awaiting the bridegroom. Perhaps if they had not slept off, may be they would have thought it fit to go for extra oil to light their lamps when the bridegroom eventually arrived. In the parable of the wheat and the tares, Jesus again informed us that the enemy of our soul is best functional at night when men sleep. On these two references we are contextualizing today's ministration. Literally, men do sleep for we are so fashioned. But

symbolically, we are being urged here and in other relevant areas to be on our watch always such that we are not taken unawares by the wiles and missiles of the enemy. We should be on the alert all of our lives. We should never make provision for the flesh as to do its lusts. We should not open up to the enemy of our souls. We are to be ahead of all satanic insinuations and enticement as to be able to ward them off prudently. The owner of a house and we are the house of the Holy Spirit Who indwells us, who is nonchalant as to allow the thieves not to say robbers easy access to his house is the most foolish. But the wise who will guard and guide against all incursions is seen as responsible. This is us in the faith if we remain wide awake in His Righteousness. Amen.

PRAY you are not foolish as to sleep off the path of salvation; your salvation really

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 23-24; Mark 1:L1-22

February 19th KNOWING THE REASON FOR YOUR SALVATION IN CHRIST JESUS

READ 1 Thessalonians 5:9 "For God has not appointed us to [incur His] wrath [He did not select us to condemn us], but [that we might] obtain [His] salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)."

Ordinarily, this text from Scripture would have been preposterous if not for the truth that not a few believers really battle with their past after coming truly into His salvation. In all honesty and truth of the Almighty, no one who has truly and completely given his life to Christ needs bother about his past. The vilest sinner who truly repents receives from Christ an unconditional pardon for all sins already committed. In the context of abiding in Him, all future sins are abrogated by the same sanctifying blood. That is why if one abides to the end in the Faith, His Faith really, and is only able to build hays and grasses on the Foundation Who is Christ, he will receive no reward for building unworthiness; yet he would not lose his salvation once truly in. But because we worry about the possibility of our past effecting our relationship with the Savior in the new relation, there is the need to reassure us that the only reason why we are saved is for God to make a benefit of our being and living such that we can reign with and in Him as both priests and kings. It is not to condemn us. As a matter of truth, there is no condemnation for all who are saved and truly living in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1 for instance, totally declares this. So be rest assured. You are saved for keeps by the mighty hands of the Father. Amen.

PRAY you are never again deceived by the antics of Satan

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 25; Mark 1:23-45

FEBRUARY 20TH DWELLING IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH-BENEFITS INVOLVED

READ Psalm 91:1 "HE WHO dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand]."

The secret place of the Lord God may not and would not be the tabernacle of the Lord as here represented in our mundane world today. I make bold to say that outside of the church buildings we have, there remains the abode of the Holy Spirit. You will all recall that the Holy Spirit indwells the believer and does not indwell the church building. I am not at all saying His holiness is not to the found in the church the same that is His tabernacle just as the Tent of meeting in the wilderness housed His Glory. What I am asserting in all seriousness is that outside of the church building, His church building and in the individual remains the best of the Godhead. If the best of God or the Godhead were to be limited to church buildings, how do we account for miracles taking place outside these holy buildings? How for instance do we account for the jail break that occurred in Philippi when Saul and Silas were singing the holy hymns? How do we account for the resurrection of our Lord in His borrowed grave outside of the Temple then and how do we account for the miracle of sparing the Jewish three in Babylon under the ferocious Nebuchadnezzar in the burning flame? Of a truth, residing in the secret place of the Lord is nothing but abiding meaningfully and truthfully in His revealed truth. All who will so worship His Holiness cannot but remain stable, steadfast, and fixed in the Shadow of the Almighty just as His shadow was under the Cherubim in the Holy of holies. You are blessed if you are so knowledgeable forever, amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in Him perpetual

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Leviticus 26-27; Mark 2

FEBRUARY 21ST KNOWING GOD'S TRUTH AND FAITHFULNESS AS A SHIELD AND A BUCKLER

READ Psalm 91:4 "[Then] He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings shall you trust and find refuge; His truth and His faithfulness are a shield and a buckler."

God is Truth meaning all truths and their antecedents are of the Lord. The Lord God cannot and does not lie. Lying as we know it from the time past is of the devil who lied at the beginning. As a result he is the father of all lies. So what are lies or what is a lie? In the context we are discussing, lying is everything opposed to the Godhead. All things that do not emanate and do not promote righteousness are lies. In this we have one author of same who is the devil who was once in truth meaning in God and was once most obedient to Him. But time there was when his rebellion could not keep him any longer in the truth. From thence, we had, had lies and lying which are painting what is not truth as truth and in deceit selling same to others. God is not only Truth personified, He is also faithful meaning He is the covenant keeper. This feature or quality of Him if you want it that way prevents Him from ever lying or ever failing in His promises or responsibilities. Thus, He can and should be trusted. Having said this, any who is truthfully following after the Lord cannot but be truthful and faithful. Truth is power and wisdom. Accordingly, both truth and faithfulness protect and shield any who will possess them. No matter what the liars may paint you or want to deceive you on, if you persist in the truth, you will be faithfully magnified in the end by He Whom both characters personify. Are you this learned? It is time you do, amen.

PRAY you are most learned in the Lord God Almighty

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 1-3; Mark 3

FFEBRUARY 22ND BEING INACCESSIBLE AND A SPECTATOR IN THE REWARDING OF THE WICKED

READ Psalm 91:8 "Only a spectator shall you be [yourself inaccessible in the secret place of the Most High] as you witness the reward of the wicked."

Certain deductions need be made from the text above. The first is that there is a consequential reward of evil for the wicked who chooses to side with Satan the father of all lies and lying. Second and equally important is the truth that the righteous is totally shielded from the evil that will befall the wicked. Following after this also is the truth that will witness the reward of wickedness such that he would triumph in having given his life truly to the Lord God of the heavens. Alleluia. A spectator you want to know is only an observer who in this case is passive and totally uninvolved in the evil reward of the wicked. Remember he is in the secret place of the Lord where lies and lying have no knowledge. So we come into another truth of the Godhead that any who will side with the Truth will forever be shielded away from the knowledge and craft of the unrighteous. As a result, no plotting against the righteous shall ever find the light of the day. Remember the plot of the wicked Haman against Mordecai the Jew and recall how God fought for Mordecai. Eventually, Mordecai sat akimbo watching the evil consequences of the evil way chosen by Haman as his ten sons hung in his very yard. You will forever be blessed in the Lord mightily for choosing His Lordship over your life, amen.

PRAY you are the wisest of all by siding with the Mighty Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 4-6; Mark 4:1-20

FEBRUARY 23RD SETTING YOUR LOVE ON THE LORD AND ITS CONSEQUENTIAL REWARDS

READ Psalm 91:14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he knows and understands My name [has a personal knowledge of My mercy, love, and kindness-trusts and relies on Me, knowing I will never forsake him, no, never]."

Here we are today in the power of the Most High God seeking to know more of His Glory over and in our lives. And we would forever be grateful to Him for He is good for His mercies endure forever. Here we are looking at the repercussion of giving one's only and true love to the Lord of lords and God of all the man-made gods. In an unmistaken language, we are explicitly told that if and when we put our love and by implication trust on the Lord God, He would in turn deliver us from all evils whether known or unknown. Having taken care of all evil the same that is Satan and his cohorts, He promises to set us on high. If you are wondering what this will be, take a trip back into Scripture and see how the likes of Esther, Daniel, Mordecai, and David were lifted up high by His Grace from nowhere and they become patriarchs and matriarchs to His Glory. He Who did it then is still unchanging till tomorrow. Yet, He promises more blessings abundantly.

One of these is never ever leaving us alone to ourselves. No, never ever so doing. For these and many other reasons littered all over the Scripture, we put our trust and love on Him alleluia.

PRAY you will ever repose confidence and trust in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 7-8; Mark 4:21-41

FEBRUARY 24TH THANKING THE LORD GOD ALWAYS AND SINGING HIS PRAISES

READ Psalm 92:1 "IT IS a good and delightful thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises [with musical accompaniment] to Your name, O Most High."

There is no denying the truth of Scripture that there is no limit to thanking God and singing His praises. If the Seraphim do this always in the heavenly, why not us the work of His sixth day? Apart from the Seraphim, the twenty four elders who represent the translated saints all downed their crowns of glory as they sing to His Might in worship. Of a truth, we would never ever be able to praise and sing His praises enough. Perhaps in the New City, may be. But certainly not here on earth. When we sing His praises, we are lifted high to His level in whatever perspective we want to see it. This is so because no one will feign singing His praises when no one is there except one is prompted by Him. I am talking from a personal experience which is solidly founded on Scripture and backed by same. When I am facing trials and challenges, my spirit and His Spirit in me sing His praise unconsciously. He has thus programmed me and I am blessed in this. You too are this blessed. Singing His praise releases us from the shackles of sin and fatigue and this is the truth. No one who will truly sing and praise the Lord will be the same thereafter. There are enormous reasons for singing His praises. Amen.

PRAY you will be lifted to sing praise Him always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 9-11; Mark 5:1-20

FEBRUARY 25TH HOW GREAT THOU ART!

READ Psalm 92:5 "How great are Your doings, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep."

God is an Enigma if that will be an attempt to characterize Him not to say His Person. God! How awesome! How wonderful! How Gracious! How Beautiful! How Faithful! How magnificent! How Graceful! How marvelous! How Great Thou art the Father and Lord! This morning I don't have anything to add to this awe inspiring Father of ours Who is full of mercies and Grace. God bless our Father Who is God Himself. Thank You Wonderful and Holy Father! Remain blessed Lord God amen forever and ever.

PRAY you know Him enough while here before there yonder

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 12-14; Mark 5:21-43

FEBRUARY 26TH NOTING THE FLOURISHING OF THE UNCOMPROMISINGLY RIGHTEOUS

READ Psalm 92:12 "The [uncompromisingly] righteous shall flourish like the palm tree [be long-lived, stately, upright, useful, and fruitful]; they shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon [majestic, stable, durable, and incorruptible]."

Here we are with Scriptural proclamation the same that is as good as accomplished. So what is this Scriptural declaration? It is that any who will believe in the Lord Jesus Christ most faithfully and so remain uncompromisingly shall flourish the same meaning shall remain alive lively and manfully doing all that the Lord has purposed for him. In other words, he will prosper appropriately. Nevertheless we cannot discountenance the symbolism herein employed the same which is the comparison of the faithfully righteous to a Palm tree. Interestingly I come from Nigeria blessed with the abundance of Palm Trees. As a matter of truth, one is planted by the Lord Himself in our World Headquarters. Among its many uses for no part of same is ever useless are the juice which is fruitful drink; the leaves used in traditional tent making; the seed used in Palm oil making, and the waste from the seed or nuts used in propelling fire traditionally. Locally too, we use the stringed line of he leaves collectively as brooms. The list is really endless. These same usefulness are here indicated as long-lived; stately; upright; useful, and fruitful. I do not see any other uses for which a man lives outside of these if complemented with others such as being majestic, stable, durable, and incorruptible. Why not be uncompromisingly righteous from today and be this blessed in Him forever more, amen.

PRAY you are this blessed

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 15-16; Mark 6:1-29

FEBRUARY 27TH COME INTO GROWING IN HIS GRACE

READ Psalm 92:14 "[Growing in grace] they shall bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap [of spiritual vitality] and [rich in the] verdure [of trust, love, and contentment]."

Growth is never ending, at least on this part of the earth. Whether we are talking of literal or figurative growth, growth is symbolic and associated with development. A growth that is devoid of meaningful development begs another name. In the spiritual this is more apparent. Yet a good many believers who are truly committed to the Lord God of the heavens are so nonchalant as never to realize the need for meaningful growth in the Lord. Our Lord and Savior showed us a bit of this when in fulfilling His missions here begged that His earlier position of Grace in Him be restored. But the Father of all Providence Who is never insufficient in anything, but greatly sufficient in all restored Him to it and gave Him more grace to bask in. This much we see in John 17. So why should I stop seeking growth in all ramification? I have to grow in Grace; grow in Faith; Grow in holiness and grow in every aspect of His being in me. The moment my growth will end is when I am done with His mission for me here on earth. So grow and keep on growing in Him forever and ever. Amen. You will be ascending and never descending if you aspire and actually keep on growing in and within the Lord God. Amen.

PRAY you really come into spiritual growth in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 17-19; Mark 6:30-56

FEBRUARY 28TH KNOWING THE NATURE OF THE LORD'S REIGN

READ Psalm 93:1 "THE LORD reigns. He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is robed, He has girded Himself with strength and power; the world also is established, that it cannot be moved."

By the topic of this ministration for today, I mean to draw attention to the truth of God's nature the same that we soon take for granted even to the extent that we know little or nothing of this. This should not be so. Can you imagine not knowing the detail of your wife's nature and you expect to get the best from the relationship! In the case of the Almighty God, we assume so much that we are totally ignorant and because of His mercifulness and compassion over us, we get away with this show of ignorance. Yet we can fair better if only we pay attention to Scripture. Here for instance we are told in an unmistaken term that the Lord God is clothed with majesty. This is to complement the description of the Almighty by the prophet Isaiah in his Theophany in chapter 6. Among others, he notes that He God was seated high and lifted up while His train meaning his clothing on Him filled the entire Temple area. Can you imagine that! The clothing on the Almighty God is so enormous and majestic that it filled the most Holy Part of the Temple. By whatever measurement, it was quite a large clothing. Here we are told that He has clothed Himself in majesty while girding Himself in strength. Let us face it, God, our God and Lord clothes Himself honorably. So must we also who take after Him. Amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in knowledge of the Most High

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Number 20-22; Mark 7:1-13

MARCH 1ST ARE YOU BEAERING THE FAILINGS OF THE WEAKER BROTHERS?

READ Romans 15:1 "WE WHO are strong [in our convictions and of robust faith] ought to bear with the failings and frailties and tender scruples of the weak; [we ought to help carry the doubts and qualms of others] and not to please ourselves."

I will not mind taking this Scriptural piece out of context if it gets to that, but not out of Scripture itself for I have Scriptural backing for doing this. The point is we are too eager to be zealous for the Lord outside of His knowledge and wisdom to the extent that we kill the Holy Ghost fire if it were possible. Wittingly and unwittingly, we are too eager to judge the other person in our righteous zeal for the Lord but without His knowledge. We condemn; we criticize; we bully in the name of the Most High God and if not for the Laws of the Land, we would have physically killed for Him. These ought not to be so. Every believer is in the ultimate responsible and account table to the Lord God Almighty. Before Him he stands or falls. So why condemn his weaknesses or frailties? Why be inpatient with him or her as if we are the Holy Ghost Himself? I am not advocating a discipline-less church or assembly. But we have to accommodate each other's failings until the other person is enabled strong in the Lord and be at the level we are

and is expected of him or her. If God had condemned Abram when he lied twice and thrice that Sarai was his sister, would God have won him over? If God had killed the Adams outright, where would you and I have being today? We must be patient enough to allow the Holy Spirit be Who He is in our lives and assemblies. Anything short of this is no good.

PRAY you will not wittingly or otherwise fight against God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 23-25; Mark 7:14-37

MARCH 2ND LEARNING TO BUILDING UP YOUR NEIGHBOR

RE AD Romans 15:2 "Let each one of us make it a practice to please (make happy) his neighbor for his good and for his true welfare, to edify him [to strengthen him and build him up spiritually]."

In all truth, I must confess that this is the second time it is occurring to me as if I have never read a portion of Scripture before. Until now I could swear there is nothing as this in Scripture-pleasing one's spiritual neighbor. But here it is plainly written. So what does this portion of Scripture say or rather what does it mean both theologically and biblically too? If taken in the context of verse one, we see that we are being reminded of our responsibility in the Lord God to ensure we support our brothers and sisters particularly those of the household of His Faith such that they could get strengthened and strong in the Lord God as they struggle with their being on their way to maturity in the Faith. We owe it a duty to give them a hand of support and encouragement while their weakness is still all visible. Yes, they need correction, reproof, rebuke and outright castigation should the need arises as they journey the narrow path of righteousness. But this has to be done in the best of faith and the love of the Almighty. We have to assist them as they find their level in the Faith that is Jesus Christ. This is what I know the verse of the Scripture truly says. Note that we have earlier on been admonished to bear the burden of our weak brethren. In other words, we are to ensure that we are there for them to lean on as they climb on the growth ladder of His Faith. May you and I be greatly blessed in this doing now and forever more. Amen.

PRAY you will live up to your spiritual expectations

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 26-27; Mark 8:1-21

MARCH 3RD KNOWING WHY THE SCRIPTURE WAS SO WRITTEN

READ Romans 15:4 "For whatever was thus written in former days was written for our instruction, that by [our steadfast and patient] endurance and the encouragement [drawn] from Scriptures we might hold fast to and cherish hope."

Here in this Scriptural piece, we are given the simple and very reason why the Word of God is written down-to learn and make the best of our reading in the Word of life. If for whatever reason we do not come into such an understanding, we have failed this simple but important

test of living righteous. Just as is the case in all learning and education in general, we must make a good use of what we have imbibed such that we are transformed for the better. This is also true in Scriptural learning and more necessitated if we realize the enormous responsibility we all bear in coming into His Faith. What is more we are to realize that dispensations before ours never had it this good. So for all it is worth, we should be instructed righteously in the way of Life by that which is written down for our understanding. Agreed, the Scripture is not all about God nor does it tell us everything about His Being. No doubt however, we are given all that we require to pilgrimage this earth. Accordingly, not making the best of this is at the same time not appreciating God Almighty enough if at all we do. So come on brethren and make the best of Scripture as written down for all your living. You will be happy you so do. Glory be His name, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are this knowledgeable and blessed in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 28-30; Mark 8:22-38

MARCH 4TH SEEKING PATIENT ENDURANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Romans 15:5 "Now may God Who gives the power of patient endurance (steadfastness) and Who supplies encouragement, grant you to live in such mutual harmony and such full sympathy with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus."

Glory is God in the highest heavens. I thank God Almighty for saddling me with the responsibility of personally writing all contained in this devotional. Apart from the joy in obeying God, I have found out repeatedly that I am the best beneficiary of all these writings. How do I mean? I have found out that in the course of writing these sermons if ever we could call them so, I have been forced as it were not only to read Scripture but over and above this to hear from Him always what He wants said and this has continued even in my daily routine. In all humility, I hardly ask God for directive on anything before He gives same graciously and gloriously. I wonder what else I could have desired from the Almighty God; not in my worst form of sin and sinning. God is too good for me and I believe for all of us really. The why of these testimonies here is the truth again revealed herein. I have been led to teach that all should ask any and all things from the Lord God the only restraint being in consonance with His directive and revealed will and purpose. Here today, I have found anew, Scriptural backing for asking even for patient endurance and encouragement from the Lord. Thus, I have no excuse for being inpatient. You have no excuse for your excessive anger always. The only thing lacking is we have not asked enough. As long as we seek diligently in accordance to His revealed will, we are sure of having. Glory is God in the heavens, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are patiently enduring all in His name and power

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 31-33; Mark 9:1-29

MARCH 5TH HOPING IN THE SPROUT OF JESSE

READ Romans 15:12 "And further Isaiah says, There shall be a Sprout from the Root of Jesse, He Who rises to rule over the Gentiles; in Him shall the Gentiles hope."

Truly the prophet Isaiah in chapter 11 of his works notes that a Shoot shall come from the stock of the root of Jesse and a Branch out of his roots shall grow and bear fruits. Here also in today's Scriptural verse, we are told emphatically that a Sprout shall come forth from the root of this blessed family from Whom the Gentiles who are the non-Jewish believers the world over shall hope; but what about His own people? What will happen to them also? Truly they too will hope in Him in the last days but not now. Two points need be emphasized here. If it is through the root of Jesse that the whole world will be saved and in being saved hope in Him, what hope has the rebellious Jews who proclaimed repeatedly they had no inheritance in the house of God and as a result, they should all go their own ways in the rebellion against Rehoboam and that of Sheba after the defeat of Absalom in the war of God to mention just a few instances? Secondly, why is that it is the Sprout of the root and not the entire tree itself that shall be our Hope? I will answer only the last question really. The way of God Almighty is different from that of the mortal and sinful man. The prophet Daniel also prophesied that a little stone came out of the Rock Who we know is God smiting the big image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream and gradually become Great and Almighty. That is God for you. He begins dealing with His own from their weaker point to make them strong and mighty in His power. Does this talk to you? Certainly it speaks to me.

PRAY you are this blessed in the inheritance of the House of Jesse

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Numbers 34-36; Mark 9:30-50

MARCH 6TH KNOWING GOD WHO CAN ONLY SWEAR BY HIMSELF

READ Hebrews 6:13 "For when God made [His] promise to Abraham, He swore by Himself, since He had no one greater by whom to swear."

Not once or twice but severally, God had sworn by Himself in Scripture. One is the text in consideration now. Another is in Psalm 110 in regards to Jesus as the Son of God. In Ezekiel and Jeremiah not to talk of Isaiah God not only swore but also raised His hands up in making the oath of Himself. Hebrews 3 also talks of God swearing in the negative when He promised all the rebels would not enter into His Rest. The point however is not these issues but the truth that God swears by Himself or why He needs to swear at all. The truth is when the Lord swears, it is to express the irreversibility of His position regardless of whatever the prevailing situation is or was. Then comes the issue of with what or whom does He swear. There is no argument here at all if one knows in the least Who the God of all ages is. He needs not swear at all. Condescending to swearing at all should have taught all that He can only and does swear by Himself and the Only One Who was, is, and Who will be forever more. Alleluia. He has sworn by Himself that you and I are saved and blessed in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son. There is therefore no more room for doubt. Just believe and live forever more.

PRAY you are wholeheartedly knowledgeable in the Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 1-2; Mark 10:1-31

MARCH 7TH KNOWING THE TWO UNCHANGEABILITIES OF THE LORD GOD

READ Hebrews 6:18 "This was so that, by two unchangeable things [His promise and His oath] in which it is impossible for God ever to prove false or deceive us, we who have fled [to Him] for refuge might have mighty indwelling strength and strong encouragement to grasp and hold fast the hope appointed for us and safety before [us]."

There is so much love and revelation in the Blood of the Lamb that every day I am so fascinated by His show of Grace over my life. As I mentioned sometimes ago, I benefit the most from the writings the Lord has commissioned me to do. For instance today, it is as if I am seeing this Scriptural verse for the first time. But I can remember very well that in His Hymnal *My Faith Is built on nothing else but Jesus Christ and Righteousness*, verse three, we are told of His covenant and His blood are enough to cling to at the moment of trials and turbulence. Why you want to ask? It is simply because of their unchangeability. In this, today's Scriptural verse becomes most relevant. It notes that by two unchangeable things through which God has shown Himself to be true and can therefore never be false for and in anything or reason. Consequently, He has through these two immutable things or truths made us to run away from the avenger of blood as we run into His Refuge the shadow of which was the city of refuge in the Old Testament and therein we are kept perfect and save in His Grace. His Word of salvation and His oath never to renege on our redemption purchased of His Blood are enough assurances for me and you as well as all who will repose confidential trust in Him forever, amen. Alleluia.

PRAY you are built on nothing else save His Blood and Righteousness

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 3-4; Mark 10:32-52

MARCH 8TH WHEN YOUR NAHASH THE AMMONITE WILL COME TRAILING YOU

READ 1 Samuel 11:1 "AND NAHASH the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh-gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, Make a treaty with us, and we will serve you."

Nahash the Ammonite was the leader and ruler of the Ammonites at the time when King Saul began his reign. You will recall that these were the cousins of the Israelites having been birthed by Lot. But here they were used by Satan to make the Israelites served man instead of their God Almighty. They were faced then with a herculean task that was as solid of the Mount of Gibraltar. So what lessons are here for us to learn? Firstly, we see that any time God begins a new thing in you, your Nahash will come to the fore to detract you. He may come in the form of Goliath of Sambalat or the likes of the arch enemy. He may even be the Haman of Mordecai's time. It makes no difference. Come they will. Secondly, such a time as this is only to showcase the power and might of He Who resides in you truly. So all you need do as done here is to seek help from Him Who is seated among the Cherubim. Once done, you will see that your Nahash

will be defeated once and for all and the best of God for your life firmly established. You need not enter into any unrighteous agreement that will compromise your faith. Like the Queen Esther, you must dare the power of the Emperor of deceit and go in straight to him not minding whether or not you perish for His course. You are most blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you will not be cowed by your Nahash

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 5-7; Mark 11:1-18

MARCH 9TH ANY NEED TO WEEP ALOUD AT ALL?

READ 1 Samuel 11:4 "Then messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and told the news in the ears of the people; and all the people wept aloud."

Honestly I love the Lord if God would permit me to so say it this way for the Scripture is truthfully recorded even if all happenings and events in the Bible are not true or worthy of emulation. Yet, in their recordings, we are made to come to wisdom. Here we see the immediate reaction of the people of Israel who had no standing army then and whose kingly Kingdom was just coming into being. So they cried aloud helplessly as one who had no God even though they had heard of the wondrous doings of the God of their fathers; of the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It was just as their forefathers did at the sea of Reeds when they saw the Egyptians approaching. They had just seen the wondrous works of the Lord which He had wrought in Egypt the same culminating in the death of all first born of man and animals the same that led to their exodus. They soon forgot and cried like idiots I would say. Yes! Like Idiots. Why? They had God and they had their leader Moses who was with them. So what happened? They lacked faith in the Lord. It was the same scene that was playing out at Gibeah of Saul. Later events showed that God will always rescue His own. And any time He allowed trials in our lives and challenges as I usually call them, it is to magnify His power in our lives. God is ever constant and ever present. He never changes or fades away. No. He never can. Amen.

PRAY you are rested in the Lord and not just in His wonders

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 8-10; Mark 11:19-33

MARCH 10TH REJOICING IN THE LORD'S REIGN

READ Psalm 97:1 "THE LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles and coastlands be glad!"

Glory is God in the highest heavens. He is Lord God not just over this our small and tiny planet but over and above all the planetary systems. This is not the main issue. The real issue is these objects which we classify inanimate know, recognize, and adore Him always. Sinai saw Him and quaked all over. The Sea of Reeds saw Him and ceased flowing. Jordan could not but bow down before Him. The mountains skipped at His magnificent presence. Balaam's donkey worshipped Him. The Lions sent by His Highess to execute His judgments upon the disobedient prophet from

Judah and that who would not obey the word of God to wound his counterpart but disobeyed the Lord of hosts all obeyed His voice as no other. So who will not adore and worship Him? The Chaldeans who were diviners and astrologers or wizards for short saw the Star that was unique; they left all, came and saw the Lord of all lords and worshipped Him. The midwives of Pharaoh saw Him and reverenced His Presence as they refused the notorious and evil counsel of their King. The mighty Nebuchadnezzar was humbled for seven seasons when he thought no one was more than him. Ask Sennacherib and he would tell you what he experienced when he attributed the power of God to himself. Overnight 185 thousand soldiers of his were slaughtered in their sleep only for him to get home and met death through his sons. Who would not worship His Excellency the Lord of all hosts? I doff my hat for you Lord and reverence Your Holy name. Alleluia.

PRAY you know what it is for God to rein in you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 11-13; Mark 12:1-27

MARCH 11TH KNOWING THE RIGHTEOUS DARKNESS THAT ENVELOPES THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 97:2 "Clouds and darkness are round about Him [as at Sinai]; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne."

There is so much truth in Scripture which majority of believers through their carelessness and laziness would never ever know until they see the Lord God in His Kingdom here on earth. Yes, here on earth. But this is not the subject of our discussions today. Darkness that is of the devil which cannot comprehend the Light of God in Jesus and all that He represents is different diametrically from the thick darkness that envelopes God Almighty in His throne. For this the Bible is true when it declares that no one has ever seen God before except His Son. We may add to this exception the Holy Spirit. So where and how does Michael and Gabriel plus other arch angels of His minister before Him? Yes they minister before Him and He could be accessible to them in other ways. But Psalm 18 among others asserts that thick darkness and cloudy dark waters encompass the Almighty. For ease of reference it is here reproduced in some sport: "*He bowed the heavens also and came down; and thick darkness was under His feet. He made darkness His secret hiding place; as His pavilion (His canopy) round about Him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies."-Psalm 18:9&11.*

You must be conversant with the truth of the Scripture otherwise it will be shameful to get to come into these noble truths in heaven. God keeps Himself safe from all His heavenly creatures in thick darkness and clouds. That was why it was easy for the rebellion of Satan to be crushed as he knew not exactly the Whole Truth of the Godhead. Alleluia.

PRAY you are this knowledgeable

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 14-16; Mark 12:28-44

MARCH 12TH FALLING PROSTRATE BEFORE GOD IN MOST HOLY WORSHIP

READ Psalm 97:7 "Let all those be put to shame who serve graven images, who boast in idols. Fall prostrate before Him, all you gods."

There was a time some young ladies were invited to our worship service during which I commanded all to lie prostrate in worship to the Almighty God as ordered by the Holy Spirit. Later these ladies told their host that that was a conservative act to do. The truth is God is conservative. He alone was born if we may use that expression old and with grey hairs as we say it in Yoruba my native language. The English Bible calls Him the Ancient of days. Pray, who is an ancient by definition? So where am I leading today or better put, where is the Holy Spirit leading us today? It is the case that falling down in Holy Worship to the Almighty whenever the Spirit of God in us so demands is normal, rational, an righteous. Many times in Scripture holy men of God had done this. In Revelation, the twenty-four elders representative of the translated saints fall down before Him in holy worship and all downed their crowns of Glory. So who is conservative in the negative sense? Definitely, worshipping God in holy worship such as this is most Scriptural. I quote just one instance for ease of reference: "*The twenty-four elders (members of the heavenly Sanhedrin) fall prostrate before Him Who is sitting on the throne, and they worship Him Who lives forever and ever, and they throw down their crowns before the throne, crying out,"-Revelation 4:10*

PRAY you are conversant with true righteous worship of God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 17-19; Mark 13:1-20

MARCH 13TH SEEING THROUGH THE EYES OF THE GOD OF VENGEANCE

READ Psalm 94:1 "O LORD God, You to Whom vengeance belongs, O God, You to Whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!"

The Bible is replete with passages forbidding us from seeking vengeance or avenging any evil done to our person reason being that vengeance belongs only to God. For this reason also the very apostle Paul in Scripture through His inspiration declared and admonished all not to be deceived for God is not hypocritical or partial as to allow all our deeds to go unrewarded whether good or evil. Whatsoever any person sows in this world, the same he or she would reap. There is no gainsaying this truth. When the prophet and Seer Samuel was to execute Agag the King of Amalek, he told him that just as his own sword had rendered mothers sorrowful by the death of their sons so was his own mother too that day would experience sorrow as well. The point is God in His infinite wisdom has structured the earth such that He alone knows how, when, and why each person is repaid for what he or she has done or left undone. Consequently, I am to submit to God; you are to submit to God. All of us are obliged to submit to the Almighty such that His will comes to pass in our lives and ministry; for our living is a ministration to Him whichever way we want to see it. You are blessed in the blessedness of the Almighty God. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are this submissive to Their Excellencies

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy; 20-22; Mark 13:21-37

MARCH 14TH LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE TO KNOWING THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTYY

READ Psalm 94:9 "He Who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He Who formed the eye, shall He not see?"

An agnostic believes God does not exist and if He does there is no way we can know Him. On the other hand the Bible says the fool says there is no God. There are various and varying Philosophies about the doctrine of God Almighty. The empiricists believe that from the way the world is structured, it is obvious there is God or there is a perfect architect who is so responsible for nothing comes out of nothing. The Bible makes it clear and I believe as well as knowing that God crested all that is in the universe. For the immediate Bible text, it is an attempt by the Almighty to appeal to our reason which He has graciously given us to come to reason. If He God created all our senses, He must of necessity have such senses otherwise where does He get the knowledge. There is no doubt food for thought. Your God Who is your Crestor; my God Who is my Creator is the Quintessence of reason, senses and wisdom/. We all are beneficiaries from His largesse. Accordingly, we should acknowledge Him in our all and referentially worship Him the way He has ordained. There is no two ways to this. You are either in Him faithfully or you are not. Amen.

PRAY you are blessed in and with His knowledge abundantly

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 23-25; Mark 14:1-261

MARCH 15TH NOTING THE RETURN OF JUSTICE TO THE UNCOMPROMISINGLY RIGHTEOUS

READ Psalm 97:15 "For justice will return to the [uncompromisingly] righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it."

We all know what it is to be uncompromisingly righteous. To be righteous is to have taken in the Faith of God in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. To be uncompromisingly righteous is to stubbornly stick to the Faith in the race of any and all challenges that will dictate otherwise. We take the case of the three Hebrew slaves in Babylon under the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. They were not only righteous but were uncompromisingly righteous. When it appeared their adversaries had the upper hand as they were tied and thrown into burning furnace, they were unperturbed knowing fully well that they would eventually die whether or not they denied Faith to live temporarily. Besides they knew God could save them if He so desired. All who laughed tem to scorn for being stubborn and unreasonable not to have been pragmatic were stunned when God saw them through and they became celebrated. In the end God returned justice, His justice unto these uncompromisingly righteous saints of His. Where would you be had you been one of them? Or take the case of Daniel their boss in the same realm when he was thrown into the lions' den. Initially, His detractors laughed him to scorn as they thought they had

overwhelmed him. Justice was not even delayed as he was spared from the lions' rampage and was restored to live gloriously in the morrow. You too can be so honored if you will remain steadfast to the end.

PRAY you will remain steadfast in the Faith

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 26-27; Mark 14: 27-53

MARCH 16TH KNOWING THAT GOD DOESN'T ACCOMMODATE THE THRONE OF INIQUITY

READ Psalm 94:20 "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with You-they who frame and hide their unrighteous doings under [the sacred name of] law?"

In many portions of Scripture, we are admonished not to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers in our own interest. There are various instances that this has been the case whether knowingly and or unknowingly. A good case in point was the many marriages the beloved of the Lord God Solomon contracted with one thousand princesses of idol worshipping kings. It ended in disaster. Take again the case of the righteous King Jehoshaphat who was aligned in marriage with the evil possessed King Ahab. Except for the Grace of God Almighty, he nearly lost his life in a battle that was not his and for which God's command was not heeded even when given without seeking it. The list is endless. You may want to recollect that Ahab was largely who he was because of his unholy alliance with the King of Et-Baal who was placed in Sidon. He lost all and the people of God with him. It is also a common knowledge that when a tree is good, its fruits also are equally good. When we have good leaders who are God fearing and righteousness motivated, life is good for the subjects. So in answer to this rhetoric question, evil and its throne despite its alluring nature cannot stand with God. You have been warned. Amen.

PRAY you are holy and holiness aligned always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 28-29; Mark 14: 54-72

MARCH 17TH COMING INTO CELEBRATING GOD ALMIGHTY THROUGH SINGING

READ Psalm 95:21 "O COME, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

All the days of our lives, we are created and are sustained to celebrating the Lord God Almighty in any and every way so approved for us. Whatever may be your calling, the truth of Scripture is you and I are created by the Almighty for His pleasure and not for our own selfish end. Whether or not we know this truth, we are obliged to celebrate Their Excellencies all the days of our lives. There is no gainsaying this truth the same that is empirically established. In today's ministration however, the medium of song is being highlighted. I have taught severally and quite rightly that there is no one who is saved by singing. We are all saved by hearing the Word of salvation of our Savior through whatever mode He has approved. Nonetheless, song and singing highly motivate to worship and in worship and they magnify His Excellency and His other members of the

Godhead. Singing has motivated a lot of patriarchs in Scripture the prophet Elisha being one of these. He was off mark by being angry with the son of Ahab. But for the King Jehoshaphat who was around, singing by the choir brought him back to the throne of Grace. I am a living example of His prophet who is given to being aroused spiritually through righteous songs and singing. Many a time I had been taken to Heaven, a part of same and heard songs that had no semblance in our own world. They pass description in the real sense of the word. In have and cannot find appropriate words to express my feelings in these rare occasions. In one instance I prayed never to wake up into life. In conclusion, let us learn to explore the mystery of righteous and holy singing to Him Who dwells among the Cherubim. Amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in the song celebration of the Almighty

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 30-31; Mark 15:1-25

MARCH 18TH KNOWING GOD AS A GREAT KING AND LORD GOD

READ Psalm 95:3 "For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

It is one thing or truth to know God and acknowledge Him as God. It is another thing entirely to see Him rightly as both King and a great one too. As King, God reigns over all the universe. It matters not who or what are you; whether you are angelic or human; whether you are planetary or the stars in their innumerable numbers, God is Lord over all and commands all. This is the aspect of His reign. He knows and calls all the stars of the heaven by names. He commands them and they must obey. The strength or greatness of a king here on earth is measured by his domain of influence. For a King as God Almighty Who alone reigns over the universe, He is second to none and is unrivaled. No king has that vastness of reign coverage. No, and never too. His eternal nature ensures that His greatness is beyond human and even angelic comprehension. The Lord God Omnipotent reins, over all the earth the heavens, and even the nether parts of the world tremble. The point we are making here is that not only is God King and over all but that His Kingdom is the greatest the universe all over. Also, He is God and by God is meant He Who alone makes and sustains all. While kingship is limited to reign and ruling, God or what I want to all *Godship* is not that restricted. I need not create anything to be king. But I must be the Creator God Himself and the Sustainer and Determiner of all to be God. In this wise God is unique and second to none; hence the Great God. Know these truths please and live in them henceforth, alleluia.

PRAY you will live in His Truths alone

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Deuteronomy 32-43; Mark 15:26-67

MARCH 19TH COME LET'S WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN TO HIM IN WORSHIP

READ Psalm 95:6 "O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker [in reverent praise and supplication]."

Here we are today this early morning being confronted with the urgent need to worship and bow down on our knees before the mighty God of all the ages. Not quite long ago, I addressed the need for us to worship God by falling prostrate after the fashion of the twenty four elders who represent the heavenly Sanhedrin or what others call the translated saints. Also I have examined not too long ago the need to sing His praises in our daily worship of Him particularly when seeking His divine favor. Yet, all these are not enough nor are they exclusive of the need to also worship Him by bowing down our knees in honor and reference of Him by Whose Grace we are where we are today and will be where He has fashioned for us all tomorrow. One of the reasons here adduced is the truth that He is our Maker. As noted in the 100th Psalm we are His handiwork as we do not and cannot fashion ourselves. But He made us all according to His love for us all more than any of us could comprehend or fashion for himself. Such an awesomely wonderful and loving God deserves all our praises. Even if He ceases to sustain us now; which is certainly not possible; for what He had done in the past and is doing now not to talk of those to come, God deserves our praises. Remain blessed in Him perpetually amen.

PRAY you will see Him as He is in the eyes of your spirit

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 1-3; Mark 16

MARCH 20TH LEARNING NOT TO HARDEN OUR HEARTS

READ Psalm 95:8 "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah and as at Massah in the day of temptation in the wilderness."

By temptation here is meant a period when God puts us to test to advance our knowledge of Him and to bring us all into higher knowledge of Himself. It is impossible that temptation should not come. Indeed, it will be unheard of if we passage through this world of sinful growth in His Faith and not have our Faith in Him tested. Who shall we be like in this as Abraham the father of Faith was severally tempted by God not Satan until he ascended on High. Even our Savior and Lord the Jesus of Nazareth had His faith in Himself and in His Lord God which is restricted not just to the three time mentioned in Luke and Matthew but according to Mark and Hebrews, He was severally tempted like us; but unlike us He yielded not to temptation. At the water of Meribah, Israel doubted if God Almighty Who had ushered them thus far and Who had been most benevolent to them could provide water from the rock; little realizing that Jesus Christ Himself was and is still the Rock. After all, He is the Rock of Ages. In doubting Him, they provoked Him to wrath and He swore in His anger that they would not come into His rest. Accordingly, we should not allow Satan and the devil to lead us astray. We would definitely face temptation which I call challenges and occasions to see the wonderful works of God's doing in a manner we have never before seen. Consider the decayed and putrefying carcass of Lazarus that was commanded back to life within a jiffy. Hence we should believe in Him undeniably and stoutly to the end. Amen.

PRAY you yield not into temptation

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 4-6; Luke 1:1-20

MARCH 21ST WHEN THE LORD GOD WAS GRIEVED FOR FORTY LONG YEARS

READ Psalm 95:10 "Forty years long was I grieved and disgusted with that generation, and I said, it is a people that do err in their hearts, and they do not approve, acknowledge, or regard My ways."

The point we made yesterday is being magnified and developed upon today in this ministration. For not trusting in Him enough and always but leaning on their own self and doubting His creative ability, He was wrath with them for forty years during which they made no progress in their walking with and in Him even though they were benefitting in His largess providentially. During this forty years of His anger, He killed systematically all the elders of His people who left Egypt forty years before. Only those who were under the age of 18 were preserved by Him. These got to the Promised Land contrary to the doubt and fear of their fathers. This is a lesson for us all. If God would be wrath with His own people He personally led out of bondage into salvation by the hands of Moses through the Law given through the angels of His, how much sorer punishment do you think He would mete out to any who will transgress the Grace of His Son purchased of Blood, the Precious Blood of His? You have been warned. Stay clear of all forms of doubt in His Faith and faithing.

PRAY you will never ever know His wrath in your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 7-9; Luke 1:21-38

MARCH 22ND MAKING YOU A MINISTER OF CHRIST JESUS

READ Romans 15:16 "In making me a minister of Christ to the Gentiles. I act in the priestly service of the Gospel (the good news) of God, in order that the sacrificial offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable [to God], consecrated and made holy by the Holy Spirit."

No doubt God seeks all to come into His redemption at any and all cost. Not that any can buy himself redemption. No. The redemptive process had been completed in Calvary over two thousand years ago if we do not take into consideration its finishing even before the foundations of the earth were laid. But what I am saying is God has done all that needs be done for the salvation of man and by implication the entire universe. You and I are made ministers of His for this very purpose. By this is meant that the very reason of calling you into the Way of the Cross of His Son in the power of His Holy Spirit is for your salvation first and foremost and the salvation of all others you are sent to you by coming into contact with them. What this means is that you and I have the enormous responsibility of reaching out to the lost of the world while at the same time relishing your own salvation in His power. It is important that we not only abide but also to grow in His Grace in His Faith for except this is ensured, there is no way we can be fruitful and successful ministers of His to His Glory. Are you this ready? Am I this ready? Am I

allowing His Spirit to lead me on into His total redemptive crusade for the entire globe? It is high time I am made ready for His glory. Amen.

PRAY you are made ready for His global redemptive crusade

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY- Joshua 10-12; Luke 1:39-56

MARCH 23RD WHAT'S YOUR COMMITMENT IN PREACHING THE GOSPEL?

READ Romans 15:20 "Thus my ambition has been to preach the Gospel, not where Christ's name has already been known, lest I build on another man's foundation;"

Here the apostle Paul in line with his calling in and for the Lord was guided to know that he was not to go to places where the name of Christ had been made known prior this being the Jews. Rather as the apostle of God to the Gentiles he was and indeed went to the non-Jews of his days. The point is there is the need for all of us to know exactly why He has made us His minister. Apart from being called into any of His fivefold ministry, we need to know for sure into which area we are to minister and in what capacity. Not knowing our limitations in the ministry is also hindering our ministration at the same time. I must not only know where I am not called into, but equally too I must know in precise truth where I am enabled and if need be how my enablement is going to carry me into His Glory both here and there yonder. Knowing and keeping to this is of great importance. The apostle Paul in another of his writings through His inspiration declared he was not called to baptize any just as the Lord Jesus was never called into same. Unlike this twosome, John the baptizer was only baptizing and indeed the first so to do. Scripture notes that he never performed any miracle we are so much used to now. Yet he was the greatest of all men until Christ came around. How wonderful you want to exclaim!

PRAY you will be where you are enabled in His Grace forever more

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 13-15; Luke 1:57-80

MARCH 24TH MAKING CONTRIBUITIONS FOR THE POOR

READ Romans 15:26 "For it has been the good pleasure of Macedonia and Achaia to make some contribution for the poor among the saints of Jerusalem."

There is no denying the truth not just the fact that the poor will be as of necessity be planted among us essentially for us to find opportunity to showcase our geniality and charity in the Lord. This is the essence of our living. God had not called us into vain and formal worship of Him in our comfort zone alone. Severally in Scripture, it is mandated that we should be our brothers' keepers and make specific provisions for the poor. You will recall that one of the major parameters of judging the nations of the world after His glorious return into the earth will be how much good was shown genially to the poor, needy, the sick, the imprisoned and such as this. Our services and worship will be vain and painstakingly absurd if we end up just singing His Praises as good as these are, praying Holy Ghost fire on the enemies of the poor and the needy

but failing woefully to provide for them. Remember that just as the body is vain and dead without the spirit, so is our faith in Christ as useless unless it is matched with corresponding works of righteousness. Over and above these, it is pertinent on our assemblies as corporate entities to be in the forefront of this good doing. I can't fathom any better service to the community than this. You are most blessed in His Grace, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY God will enable your carnal flesh to succumb to this divine injunction

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 16-18; Luke 2:1-24`

March 25th WHEN THE PEACE OF GOD IS ENOUGH FOR ALL

READ Romans 15:33 "May [our] peace-giving God be with you all! Amen (so be it)."

We are being admonished in the page of our ministration to remember and keep in mind that our God and Lord of all is Peace Giving and the only One Who is that able. In this wise too we remember that Jesus Christ His only Son and Delight while leaving the earth bequeathed His Peace to all. It is written thus: "*Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you."-John 14:27.* Having His Peace is the same thing as being assured of victory over all. Jesus Who Himself was and is still Peace was able to go through death for all mankind and successfully overcame death. The lesson here is having His Peace is not the same thing as never having problems and challenges. No. This is never the position. Rather, what it means is that in any situation, we are assured He is there with and in us and has prevailed for us even before the foundations of the earth. As a result, we await His miraculous or the manifestation of the miracles He had ensured for us. Are you this assured and knowledgeable in Him? You had better be. Amen.

PRAY you will know His Peace as required

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 19-21; Luke 2:25-52

MARCH 26TH REALIZING AND MAXIMIZING THE FREEDOM OF ENTERING INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES

READ Hebrews 10:19 "Therefore, brethren, since we have full freedom and confidence to enter into the [Holy of] Holies [by the power and virtue] in the blood of Jesus."

In the Holy of Holies, God dwelled among the Cherubim upon whom He sat enthroned. In the Mosaic dispensation, this typified the Presence of the Mighty and Holy God in His shadow. Shadow in the sense that God Himself does and cannot dwell in a house built by human hands. He dwells in the Holiest place in the heavenly. Then, it was the abode of the Ark of Covenant with which God covenanted Himself to the wellbeing of His people Israel. By this He was irrevocably committed to their good as deemed fit by Him. In this dispensation of the Church or Grace as we know it, unlike then when only the High Priest can go in and only once in a year during the atonement, we all now as priests and kings of God Almighty through Jesus Christ our

Lord and our Savior Who alone paid the price for our sins by His Precious Blood for which all blood sacrifices until then were mere shadows can and do go into the Holy of Holies which is and Who is Christ Jesus the Lord. We are graced to go before the throne, His Throne of Grace as often as His Spirit Who lives in us allows us or rather directs us without the fear of dying. This freedom that is only limited by the Holy Spirit if and when He does not grant us passage is what is alluded to here. How much of this unrestricted freedom in Christ Jesus do you exercise? As truly born again it is your right to Him. Let no one or spirit denies you of this. You are most blessed in Him permanently, amen.

PRAY you will claim all your rightful grace in the Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joshua 22-24; Luke 3

MARCH 27TH STIMULATING ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND NOBLE DEEDS

READ Hebrews 10:24 "And let us consider and give attentive, continuous care to watching over one another, studying how we may stir up (stimulate and incite) to love and helpful deeds and noble activities."

Our strength as humans as well as Christian converts and faithful lies in our fellowship the same that is termed our togetherness. Outside of this, we are nothing. In Scripture it is noted that one man would pursue a thousand, while two will pursue ten thousand. Three righteous saints therefore will pursue a hundred thousand and when four pull their resources together, they would no doubt pursue and overcome a million. You can imagine the amount of power available to a whole congregation of the Lord God doing His business the way He has ordained. Satan is aware of this much as a result, he would always ensure he plants dissention in our midst. No one or no congregation of the Lord is immuned from this. If there could be dissention in the early Church prompting the selection of the seven deacons; if Paul the apostle could disagree with Barnabas who initially sought him out and submitted to his leadership of the team, then, there is no way there won't be dissentions in the House of the Lord God. How we manage same or rather how we allow the Holy Spirit to manage same is what is paramount. Judas was one of the inner caucus members of the Lord and Savior. Otherwise he would not be the treasurer without an auditor. Yet he rebelled. Our success lies in motivating ourselves and urging ourselves to good deeds as opposed to highlighting our weaknesses and differences. Let the Lord see you doing this always from today, amen.

PRAY you are not working against the Cross on Whom the Savior died for you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 1-3; Luke 4: 1-30

MARCH 28TH KNOWING THE CONSEQUENCES OF DELIBERATELY SINNING AFTER SALVATION

READ Hebrews 10:26 "For if we go on deliberately and willingly sinning after once acquiring the knowledge of the Truth, there is no longer any sacrifice left to atone for [our] sins [no further offering to which to look forward]."

The essence of being saved at all is being free from sin and its attendant sinning consequences. There is no point therefore being free from sin through Faith and faithing in the Blood of the Savior and thereafter deliberately going agog in sinning spree. Agreed, it takes time to form the habit of not sinning even in the power of the Holy Spirit. But this is nonetheless possible; otherwise, God wouldn't have required us to be perfect as He Himself is. Again, it takes time to mature into sinless Christianity. The joy is that even when we sin and not presumptuously though, if we come confessing our sins to Him and repenting of same never minding if our flesh will still push us into same some other times, we are accepted and made whole in His blood. But going about painting the city green in sinning because we have Christ is nothing but satanic misnomer. This is what is being highlighted here. That we should run away from sin and all sin prone environments such that we do not make any provision for sin knowingly or otherwise. This is the crux of today's ministration. In Christ Jesus, I am made to live sinless and you too. Go live likewise always. Amen.

PRAY you won't go on any sinning spree

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 4-6; Luke 4:31-44

MARCH 29TH KNOWING HIM WHO CLAIMS VENGEANCE IS HIS

READ Hebrews 10:30 "For we know Him Who said, Vengeance is Mine [retribution and the meting out of full justice rest with Me]; I will repay [I will exact the compensation], says the Lord. And again, The Lord will judge and determine and solve and settle the cause and the cases of His people."

When the Lord says vengeance is His it is to His greatness, His ability; His power of seeing and knowing all things and more than anything else being the Perfect Determiner of all from eternity past to eternity present and into eternity future that He refers. This is not the limit though. But functionally, only God knows who does what and for which reasons and what is the real motive for the action. As a result, His being from eternity beginning to eternity un-end positions Him only to know and determine the perfect judgment all the time. No one can ever judge righteous except through the power, motivation, and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. As a result, we should allow God to be the Judge He is and be patient enough for Him to do it His own way and at His own time. There is a limit to what I am enabled to attain and anybody for that matter. Thus, even if I know all the facts as at now, and have an insight into the remote past [which is doubtful really]; I still do not have enough power to mete out appropriate judgment in all situations. What of miscarriage of judgments here and there? Besides, who among us is free of sin and mistaken sin if the expression can be permitted? Then who is qualified to punish the other or take vengeance for the sin and crime committed? Only a Perfect Being that is sinless and Holy and Who is non-partial can do this. Thus, cease from all vindictiveness from today. Forgive and leave the rest to the Lord. Let Him take vengeance when and if He deems fit. Stop playing God Almighty. And it will be well with you henceforth, amen.

PRAY you will live outside of being vengeful always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 7-8; Luke 5:1-16

MARCH 30TH UNDERSTANDING THE BETTER POSSESSION IN AND OF CHRIST JESUS

READ Hebrews 10:34 "For you did sympathize and suffer along with others who were imprisoned, and you bore cheerfully the plundering of your belongings and the confiscation of your property, in the knowledge and consciousness that you yourselves had a better and lasting possession."

There is no denying the truth of Scripture-Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior came into the world to make us who will believe in Him have life and enjoy same most abundantly. This negates the popular but wrong view that we are in the world essentially to suffer. No. This is not the truth of Scripture handed down by the Messiah Himself. Remember He was rich. He alone is riches Personified. Yet He became poor that you and I can and should be rich. It is also a truth of Scripture that all who must believe and live in the Truth must suffer persecution as Jesus Christ our Lord and Model did. Yet, we are here to enjoy the best of God Himself for us in the propagation of the Gospel; His Gospel really. Tell me of what use is God's riches for the poor if we who believe must and will live poor? How would His Gospel be propagated if all who will believe are beggars in this fast world of financial independence? How will we go internet and also explore modern technology in His propagation if we are the poorest of the world? No. God never intends that we be poor. Yes! Poor in the spirit but even then not forever. I have to be financially strong and able to command the respect of the society and my home as well. I have to be financially able to fund the many expensive evangelism and missionary works of the ministry. If for whatever reason I endure persecution according to His will and purpose for me in this world, then it is because I know that I am in His best in the heavenly. Yet, both are mutually complementary and not mutually exclusive.

PRAY you will know and claim all your rights in Christ Jesus

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 9-10; Luke 5:17-39

MARCH 31ST HE IS THE SOON COMING KING OF THE UNIVERSE

READ Hebrews 10:37 "For still a little while (a very little while), and the Coming One will come and He will not delay."

The Lord and Savior of the world is soon coming again only that He is coming in His Glory, His full Glory as opposed to the humble and humbled way He came in the first appearance. He has to and must come again gloriously. There is no doubt about this as He repeatedly personally told us in Scripture. One popular and common instance is John 14:1 when He admonished us not to give our hearts and minds to trouble as He is going to prepare a place for us only to gloriously return and take us with Him so that where He Himself is we also shall be there. But how soon is the soon? There is no way we can know or determine this since we do not know exactly when He will be coming. Had we known when He would be coming within the context of when He should

have come, we would have been better placed to determine the soonest. There is no doubt however that the timing of His coming again had been adjusted to favor us for He notes that except the Father had cut short the time and timing, no one would have been saved. Thus, within the context of the shortening of His soon coming we know for sure that His coming is now soon which is here classified as a very little while. You have to so agree with the Word of God on this as He alone determines and knows all things. The timing had been cut short and at any time He is soon coming to reward us who have not only believed but are abiding in Him in His Faith. Alleluia.

PRAY you will be found in Him faithfully waiting on Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 11-12; Luke 6:1-26

APRIL 1ST NOT DRAWING BACK TO ETERNAL MISERY

READ Hebrews 10:39 "But our way is not that of those who draw back to eternal misery (perdition) and are utterly destroyed, but we are of those who believe [who cleave to and trust in and rely on God through Jesus Christ, the Messiah] and by faith preserve the soul."

There are those who draw back from serving God in His holiness largely because they are out of the commonwealth of the Messiah. There are those who are inside the commonwealth but are more of being dogs in the manger; thus neither in nor out. These are those who are referred to as neither hot or cold. Whereas the Lord God wants one to be either cold or hot and not being warm. For us who are uncompromisingly sold out to Christ by His Grace, we do not and cannot ever draw back from the work of salvation. Like the beloved and indefatigable Apostle Paul, we press forward and are ever pressing forward to the crown already laid down in Christ Jesus for all who will abide to the end. We count our lives as nothing but are stubbornly yielded to the Lord comes rain or sunshine. As noted in Romans 11:33ff, neither heaven nor earth; neither death nor life; neither things present of things yet to be; neither fire nor sin or whatever may be whether angelic or otherwise can separate us from the Love divine of the Savior. Gladden yourself in this knowledge and acknowledge His glorious goodness in preserving you in His Commonwealth. Alleluia. But one thing more, don't just abide in Him, more than this proclaim His Being and Mercy in your living, amen.

PRAY you are this blessed

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 13-15; Luke 6:27-49

APRIL 2ND GOING ALONG WITH YOUR ELIJAH TO GILGAL

READ 2 Kings 2:1 "WHEN THE Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were going from Gilgal."

I have had to minister on the importance of both the Elijah ministry as well as the Elisha one. They actually complement each other. I am looking forward to when His Excellency the Holy

Spirit will instruct my writing a book, His own book on this soonest. Having said this much let us examine the companionship of Elijah and Elisha. To start with let us be informed that Elijah means Jah is God or Jehovah is God which is the same thing as saying God is God and no one else. Elisha on its own means God is salvation. Thus even in their naming and their meanings, they already complement each other. Beyond this however, we note the truth that Elisha was the last of the servants of Elijah as there had been other servants to Elijah the prophet prior one of whom was the unnamed servant who accompanied him when he was calling on God to send down the rain as prophesied earlier the three and the half years of drought. But only Elisha was steadfast to the end. First when called he killed all the 12 cows of his and used the wood to cook them thus making it impossible for himself to go back on his call. Next we see him at the tail end of his servanthood sticking to his master even after he had been permitted thrice to stay behind [and perish]. When finally he was asked to ask what he wanted his master Elijah to do for him, he was quick to demand a double portion of his anointing. Now that you are accompanying your Elijah even though not necessarily to Gilgal which literally means rolling away of shame or reproach, how well are you accompanying your master through whom God has ordained you will have your all?

PRAY you will successfully be your Elisha to your Elijah

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Judges 16-18; Luke 7:1-30

APRIL 3RD BEING AND NOT BEING THE PROPHETS' SON

READ 2 Kings 2:3 "The prophets' sons who were at Bethel came to Elisha and said, Do you know that the Lord will take your master away from you today? He said, Yes, I know it; hold your peace."

In those days, the prophets' sons were like the presentday faithful who people the church and assemblies today as we have them. And just as now and even perhaps better than now, a good many of them were mere church goers, they never attained to perfection just as many today are mere professors of His Faith without being really and truly faithful to Him. Thus, when it became a common revelation that God would be taking Elijah home in a whirlwind, not a few of them mocked the revelation for various reasons among which unbelief and jealousy formed the major part. Accordingly, in every major city Elijah and Elisha passed through, the message was the same-mockery or at best cynical attitude. Hence Elisha was constrained to silence them all. Immediately after paying him homage after seeing the anointing of Elijah in double fold over him, the same sons of the prophets urged Elisha to commission them to go looking for Elijah peradventure the Spirit had mistakenly hung him on a tree. For three days they did this only to return frustrated. You and I are almost in the same boat as them today despite seeing the enormous show of God's power in unprecedented mode in our own dispensation. Remember God had to destroy all He freed from Egypt for unbelief. Won't you believe today and be one of the very few wise sons of the prophets! The choice is definitely yours. You have been warned however. Amen.

PRAY you are wise always in His Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY- Judges 19-212; Luke 7:31-50

APRIL 4TH WATCHING AND MERELY WATCHING THE WORKINGS OF CHRIST

READ 2 Kings 2:7 "Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood [to watch] afar off; and two of them stood by the Jordan."

This is another instance the Holy Ghost of God the Father is making me study in detail the content of this very verse. Only God Himself knows how many times I have read through this passage and in the context of the very great miracle of His therein I allowed myself to be eclipsed in the oversight of man as opposed to being illuminated in His Glory. Now I know better. Not less than fifty sons of the prophets watched from afar the greatest miracle of their time without benefitting at all from same. Another two stood close to the Jordan River which was both significant in the literal and spiritual senses. They merely watched and did not allow the Holy Spirit Who was coming to take Elijah home to watch over them. Can you imagine what would have happened to them had they taken the pains to ask the great prophet of God Elijah to just give them a blessing before his departure from this flesh? How blessed would have been the church of God then and now by implication! But jealousy and infighting would not allow them not to talk of the great killer of the Faith, more potent than Satan himself-unbelief. Rather, they were spectators for life and received nothing from the enormous power bequeathed on Elijah the same that passed down in double fold to Elisha. What type of the son of the prophet are you today? What is your attitude to the various men of God flying His kite high today in our days outside your own assembly? How much are you allowing God in them to bless you? Never watch from the sideline the workings of God again in your life but be part of His workings as a good son of His.

PRAY you are this blessed always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ruth 1-4; Luke 8:1-25

APRIL 5TH LOVING THE LORD TRULY? THEN HATE DOING EVIL

READ Psalm 97:10 "O you who love the Lord, hate evil; He preserves the lives of His saints (the children of God). He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked."

In our Scriptural verse today, we have an imperative the same that urges all who will profess truly to love the Lord God Almighty to hate evil. So what is hating evil if we all assume what is evil is known already? To hate is to loath as it is that which is antithetical to the Lord God. So loving the Lord God therefore is nothing but cringing for and desiring to always please the Lord God Almighty. It is the same as living in His laws and commandments consciously doing nothing to the contrary. By implication, the love of God Almighty is diametrically opposed to the doing of evil where evil is not just satanic or angelic but all things against the known will of the Father as contained in His Holy book. In consequence therefore no one who will truly love the Lord will

knowingly court the love of evil as they are mutually exclusive meaning the love of one automatically excludes the love of the other. Our Savior notes this in Scripture when He declares no one can serve two masters. This is the message today. You cannot be a true follower of God Almighty by faith in Jesus Christ and at the same time fellowshipping with Satan. You are blessed in the Lord God Almighty enormously today, amen.

PRAY you are the most blessed of the Lord in His Grace and Faith

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 1-3; Luke 8: 26-56

APRIL 6TH WHY WE MUST SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG

READ Psalm 98:1 "O SING to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have wrought salvation for Him."

Severally in this devotional we have had course to admonish us to sing the praises of our Lord God for various and difference reasons. Here again we are presented with a wonderful and sound reason why we must not only sing songs to the Lord but to always and continually sing new songs to His name based on what He has done for us and will be doing for us all while not ignoring what He is presently achieving in us. For whatever reason we want to adduce, we owe our living and more than this our salvation to Him. None of us is worthy of saving his or herself. Worse than this we were never aware of our doomed stage. Out of His marvelous love He saved us by sending His only begotten Son here on earth and made Him sin and propitiation for our sin Who knew no sin and could not possibly know it anyway. He did not leave us just like that, but He ensured that having saved us He created in us all His Spirit the Same that enlivens us and keeps us in the Faith, nay His Faith. When we sin even in His Grace, He has ensured that we are convicted of same for the sole aim of repentance and obtaining forgiveness in His Grace. Without this, no one of us will ever make it to the New City. How Great is the Lord God our Savior! For this alone He deserves of our new song and singing all the time. When last did you compose a new song for His Excellency! You better do and continually too. Remain blessed in Him perpetual. Amen.

PRAY you are sensitive to the Lord's doing in your life always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 4-6; Luke 9:1-17

APRIL 7TH REVERENTIALLY FEARING GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 99:1 "THE LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble [with reverential fear]! He sits [enthroned] above the cherubim, let the earth quake!

The fear of the Lord God Almighty Scripture says is the beginning of all wisdom. So what does this portend? In specific terms it means we should reverentially submit to the awesome and wonderful but merciful God Almighty by living absolutely in line with His precepts as contained in His Holy books. We have to so honor Him because He is our Lord God Who made us and

sustains our all not just us. More than this He alone is He Who will see us gloriously into Himself in the New City after our translation here if we abide in Him to the end. Any who will referentially fear the Almighty will seek everyday to live righteous, not in his own power but in and by the power of the Almighty. There is no two ways to doing this. We all must referentially fear and magnify the Lord God if we must honor Him. It is not that He is bereft of honor. No as that is never possible. But for us to be most blessed in Him and come into fulfillment of His as purposed for us all, we must reverentially fear Him. When Joseph refused to sleep with the wife of Potiphar his boss, it was the fear of God that restrained him. When David severally showed grace to Shimei, Absalom and others to mention just a few, it was the fear of God that motivated him. Reuben who slept with his father's wife lacked the fear of the Almighty, as well as Ananias and his wife Sapphira when they lied to the Holy Spirit. Any who reverentially fears the Lord will always exude His grace by being gracious himself. So how much of His Grace do you exude?

PRAY you are righteously motivated to fear Him Who alone is Lord and God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 7-9; Luke 9:18-36

APRIL 8TH WHY THE LORD IS GREAT IN ZION

READ Psalm 99:2 "The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all the peoples."

In Scripture, Zion is the City of David. Beyond this however, it has a divine significance being the present sight of the Temple of Solomon and the future sight of the New City. In this context, the phrase the Lord is great in Zion means literally the Lord God is great on His throne and or Kingdom. This explains why He must be great in His throne. Greatness here talks of His might and power that defy our comprehension. God is great and greater than our understanding. His perception and conception are beyond human reason. Yet we walk with and in Him by faithing righteously in His Son and His written Word the Scripture. There is no better way of appreciating His greatness. Consider the numerous works of His that are visible to us not to talk of the invisible; imagine the breadth, length and width of the ocean not to talk of the firmament. Imagine the vastness of our own planet not to talk of the other planets presently known to man. What can you say to the display of His power in our lives and living in this dispensation? How much can we pay for the oxygen we all have for free as long as we live or the carbon dioxide the plants use in their nutrition? This is not to talk of the gene of mankind that are unique to each person. Have you considered the truth not just the fact that no two persons have the same pupil or biometric? What of the DNA of each person? The list is enormous and awe inspiring. The least we can do is to doff our hats for His Excellency. Amen.

PRAY you won't underrate the immensity of the Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 10-12; Luke 9:37-62

APRIL 9TH CONFESSING THE GREATNESS OF THE NAME OF GOD

READ Psalm 99:3 "Let them confess and praise Your great name, awesome and reference inspiring! It is holy, and holy is He!"

Confession in the context we are discussing here has nothing to do with sin or sinning. Rather, we are talking of professing and making public our conviction which in this case is nothing but the truth that our God is Great and there is no one and there can be none as great as He. Alleluia. As a follow up from our discussions of yesterday and from our general knowledge of the Most High as contained in Scripture, God is great. There is no doubt about this. For the unknowing however, this has to be proved otherwise he just scoffs at our declaration. How great is He in the first instance? He is as great as we can fathom; for there is no end or limit to His greatness. To start with He alone decreed all things into existence-the starry hosts of the heavens which mankind has never been able to cover since creation and scientific development showcase His greatness. We are not talking of sheer bigness. No. Bigness is not necessarily greatness as one needs not be excessively massive to be great. In the context we are discussing, greatness is entirely knowledge that is rightly applied into wisdom and who is wise save the Lord most High. How come our knowledge? Where do we get the sense to experiment the same that has led to scientific breakthrough save from the brain He has fashioned for us? What gives us leverage over all the powerful and massively built animals of this earth except for the brain He has given us? Have you considered why we are able to journey here and there within hours-going to Asia, America or the Far East in just the twinkle of an eye? Certainly His greatness surpasses our imagination. Indeed, Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised alleluia.

PAY you can fathom His greatness in your life time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 13-14; Luke 10:1-24

APRIL 10TH ESTABLISHING YOURSELF IN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

READ Psalm 99:4 "The strength of the king who loves righteousness and equity You establish; You execute justice and righteousness in Jacob (Israel)."

By now you know very well that we are kings and priests for the Lord God Almighty and there is no denying this much for all true Christians. Thus, there is a symbolic meaning to the usage of king and kingship in Scripture. This does not deny the literal meaning of the use of the words in other various contexts. Even in its literal applications, only those Kings who did His bidding were established in their Kingdom as kings were then put in place solely to stand in for His Excellency the God Almighty. In its symbolic use which I here want to explore, we as Christians must showcase our righteousness and steadfastness by living righteous and standing in for equity. There is no other way we can demonstrate our righteous faith than this. Otherwise we show ourselves as false and there is not a few of us who do this repeatedly. The point today is that except we are uncompromisingly righteous, there is no way we would expect God to fight on our side or to establish the works of our hands. Even those who do not profess faith in Him, when they do righteousness as the two midwives of Pharaoh in Egypt, they are established. So

where do you and I stand in all these? We are to work righteousness consistently and unwavering all the time so that we can be seen truly as the son of the Most High God Almighty.

PRAY you are always living righteous, in His righteousness really

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 15-16; Luke 10:25-42

APRIL 11TH FORGIVENESS AND HIS VENGEANCE

READ Psalm 99:8 "You answered them, O Lord our God; You were a forgiving God to them, although avenging their evildoing and wicked practices."

We have to come in to true understanding of what forgiveness, His forgiveness means and not be deceived by our own wrong perception of this. Long before now God had been preparing me for this as He had given me opportunities to study and give lectures on this important doctrine upon which salvation is based. There is no denying the truth of God-there is forgiveness in the blood of Jesus Christ, otherwise all pour faith and faithing are false and deceit laden. But forgiveness and indeed, being born again does not always lead to shielding us from the consequences of our acts and deeds both before and after our conversions. The Adams died then and they are still dying in all men that will ever pilgrimage this earth until God in His mercy makes an end of both death and Hades. Yet, Jesus Christ His Son had died for the sins of the world. King David was expressly forgiven his sins of adultery and killing of Uriah in the Bathsheba connection, yet, not only did the child born die but other sons of David died as well. Despite our being born again in the Blood of the Lamb slain from the beginning of the earth, we would all still continue to die. Moses pleaded with the Lord in the wilderness that He should spare the sinning Jews. He agreed and definitely killed them all systematically and progressively at the fullness of time. So what is forgiveness then? Forgiveness therefore is the overlooking of our sins here on earth and erasing any record of same in the heavenly such that we are made partakers of His Kingdom without any hindrances in the day of the Lord but certainly with our reaping the fruit of our sowing here. One who has killed his father can be forgiven if so prayed, but God will not raise back his slain father to life. He has to live with the consequences of a father slayer for life. Amen.

PRAY you come into His true knowledge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 17-18; Luke 11:1-28

APRIL 12TH INTRODUCING AND COMMENDING OUR FEMALE ORDINEES

READ Romans 16:1 "NOW I introduce and commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deaconess of the church at Cenchreae,"

Against the general misconception of another writing of the apostle Paul in his epistle that he had not given the women power to lord over men is this Bible verse to be considered. A lot of Bible commentaries had been put in place to correct this erroneous interpretation. Yet, it

persists through satanic acts, disobedience, and outright laziness to explore the Scripture. Here we see a female not only ordained a deaconess but must have done so well in her ministration as to warrant the commendation of the very apostle Paul. You tell me over who did she minister as a deaconess; over only the women? Certainly not. In all probabilities, she must have ministered in the entire church; for who is a deaconess if not the female counterpart of the male deacon. Wasn't Stephen a deacon as well as Philip who later became an evangelist? Didn't they minister the Word of God so powerfully that their ministration can never be overlooked as long as the Gospel ministry lasts? So what are we saying then? Deborah the prophetess whom God used to redeem the Israelites from the hands of their enemies in the book of Judges before the likes of Phoebe here being examined has being a deliverer even where and when the men ran away. God used her magnificently. If she is so used by God Almighty why discriminate against the womenfolk who are partakers of the Holy Spirit just as we? If the Gentiles are not discriminated against why bring in the same old, dead, and slayed issue of the Law into modern day Christianity? Surely the devil is at work again. Glory is God for exposing him here again. You are blessed perpetual. Amen.

PRAY you are no-discriminating in the Way

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 19-21; Luke 11:29-54

APRIL 13TH ACKNOWLEDGING THE MINISTRY OF OTHERS IN YOURS

READ Romans 16:3 "Give my greetings to Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus."

In the euphoria of the success of achieving for the Lord, we soon forget and quite often the contribution of less seen members of our ministry whose ministrations have contributed much to our own success even though they are less seen to the public. Take for instance the ministry of the apostle and doctor Luke in the ministration of the very apostle Paul. Apart from taking care of his medical needs as well as of the members, he was an accompanying friend and fellow servant of the Lord throughout the length and breadth of the Apostle Paul's ministry. Over and above this, he documented a lot of the apostle's missionary journey for which we are grateful today to the Lord. Except for his participation which the Lord had ordained from eternity beginning, the ministry of the very apostle Paul wouldn't be as complete as they are now. Yet, he was not the apostle Paul. Here again the apostle himself acknowledged the contribution of the very couple Aquila and Priscilla his wife with whom he shared the same trade and with whom he labored for the Lord together. Yet, not much is recorded of the works of this childless couple beyond what is said in the epistles and Acts of the Apostles and briefly too. Regardless of whether or not you are recognized, know for sure that God does not and will not forget your ministration in His name. This should gladden us all. Amen.

PRAY God is celebrated in you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 22-24; Luke 12:1-31

APRIL 14TH REMEMBERING OUR MOTHERS IN THE LORD

READ Romans 16:13 "Remember me to Rufus, eminent in the Lord, also to his mother [who has been] a mother to me as well."

There are areas of Scripture where certain individual females are regarded as mothers in the Lord the very prophetess Deborah mentioned not too long ago in this ministration being one. Apart from these specific instances, here we are presented with another instance in which a female in her ministration is acknowledged as a mother not just in Israel with all its Jewish connotations but in the ministry in general. The point I want to make and clearly too is that we should not and never should we relegate the ministry of women in Scripture. Doing this is simply satanic. For instance it was the women the Gentile women really who saved the male children of Israel from the murderous Pharaoh. Again we have women who were the main providers of Jesus Christ and His ministry when He sojourned here on earth. This is not denying the truth that women gave birth to us and to the Savior Himself. When the men went under for persecution sake, it was the women who went to seek and adorn the body of the Savior at the sepulcher. He was seen first by a woman at resurrection. The same woman and another bore the good news of His resurrection to the male apostles who were in hiding. We are not contesting the roles of each gender. What we are saying here is that God has need of all the sexes regardless of the anointing given to each person at a particular time. No one gender can and should be relegated to the background. He died for both gender. Amen.

PRAY you are not gender biased even in the Way

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 25-26; Luke 12:32-59

APRIL 15TH GIVING A HOLY KISS

READ Romans 16:16 "Greet one another with a Holy (consecrated) kiss. All the churches of Christ (the Messiah) wish to be remembered to you."

In the Middle East, kiss and kissing in the context they are being explored here are devoid of any romantic emotion. Simply put, it is a means of fellowshipping and acceptance. It was and I still believe is a means of showing approval and sharing together in the Lord just as the cup was so shared in fellowship. As a result, no one should ever link this up with sexual connotation of any kind and by so doing bring the righteous name of the Lord God into disrepute. Having said this much, the point must not be missed that the Gospel News and ministration is after all about human beings; men and women with blood flowing in their veins. As a result, all must be done to ensure that the dignity of mankind is retained in our preaching and sermoning and anything that debases humanity must be eschewed from our ministration. Man as a specie must be acknowledged and respected. There must be no attempt to subjugate the person or persons of another for any reason. Before His throne we are equal. This accounts for why He died uniformly for all and there is no specialty with regards to person in His Kingdom. Besides this however, let us dignify ourselves in our evangelization of the world. Let us not trample underfoot the culture

of any as no culture is superior to the other. As a matter of truth, a culture is the expression of a people by way of their living and all that define them as a race. We should respect this much and do nothing to erode same except where such runs counter to the spirit and letters of the Gospel. You are most blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you are non-discriminatory in His service

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 27-29; Luke 13:1-22

APRIL 16TH KNOWING HOW GOD WILL SOON CRUSH SATAN UNDER YOUR FEET

READ Romans 16:20 "And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you."

Symbolically, it is good to know that from the fall of man or rather from the time man was forced out of the garden of Delight the same that was Eden, the Lord had promised in prophecy that thence forth, the Seed of the woman shall crush the head of Satan in the image of the serpent while the serpent bites the man in the heels. The literal meaning notwithstanding, there is a set time for this to happen in the near future of the fulfillment of all His prophecies. A time comes after the tribulation when just one angel of God will demobilize Satan who seems powerful to many and will put him in the dungeon for a thousand years. Thereafter he would be released for a season before being permanently consigned to the Lake of fire plus Hades his twin brother. When this is done, even death shall be swallowed up in victory. This then is the bruising of the head of Satan from the feet of all mankind. Before this however, there is a time in the agenda of God for all believers who truly abide in Him when all the challenges you are facing will be taken away permanently. At such a time your Satan is being bruised from under your feet. It has been so decreed. So fear not but trust only as your Redeemer lives in you and out of your being at the same time. You will not be fooled or made jest of in Jesus Mighty name amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in knowledge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Samuel 30-31; Luke 13:1-22

APRIL 17TH ACKNOWLEDGING THE WORTH OF YOUR TIMOTHY

READ Romans 16:21 "Timothy, my fellow worker, wishes to be remembered to you, as do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my tribal kinsmen."

So much is packed in this last chapter of the epistle to the Romans for the learning of us faithful. The apostle Paul here thought it fit enough to greet a lot of people who had been useful to his ministry and to mention in specific terms, names of those who had been used by God Almighty in furtherance of His Gospel through him. No doubt, this talks so much of the apostle Paul. He was not the kind of people nay, apostles who would allow their own fame to eclipse those of their subordinates. The only reason why this is so is the truth that he saw God in all his achievements if we may be allowed to so classify them. He did not acclaim any and all things the

Lord God had achieved through him to his personal efforts. Indeed, he saw himself as the worst of sinners only saved by the magnanimity and grace of the Savior. This is food for thought for us upcoming missionaries who need to learn and acquire the best of God Almighty in humility. The point is this, who and who are your Timothy? Remember that Timothy is classified as a son by the very apostle. Yet he took notice of what the Lord God had used him to achieve in his own ministry. This in no small way encouraged the young but budding missionary in Timothy who was later to pattern his life on that of the very apostle. I challenge you and I in the name of the Mighty Jesus to so live as to quicken the light in our Timothy. This then is the message today. Remain blessed in Christ ever.

PRAY you are this most blessed in the Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 1-2; Luke 14:1-24

APRIL 18TH HOW DO YOU SEE THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST?

READ Romans 16:24 "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you all. Amen (so be it)."

I am particularly focused on the Grace of Jesus Christ as a benediction used usually in the Church at the close of the day's prayer or service or both. This is what is isolated here for discussion. So the question again- how do you see this? I was born and raised up in a church where it is the order of the day to say the Grace of Jesus Christ at the close of the service. This differs significantly from the congregational recital of same today. Then, this had to be said by the most senior elder of the church. It was the climax of the entire day's service. As time went by, our able Prophet Gabriel Fakeye demystified the scenario by delegating this gracious act to whoever it pleased him or rather as he was led by the Holy Spirit. Later I was to be tutored by the Holy Spirit that as good and commendable as this act was and still is, it is after all not really necessary. Why you want to ask? Everything about the Gospel is His Grace. Look at it from another way-everything about this dispensation of the Church from the time of the resurrection and ascension of the Lord into Glory is His Grace. As a result, I live in His Grace; I sleep and wake up in His Grace. When I sin, I sin in His Grace meaning that I am not de-Christained by my sinning and His Grace is still upon me in my sinning such that I can be convicted of my sin to ask forgiveness and be forgiven. When I will die eventually, I will die in His Grace, buried in same and will be raised up on the day of the Lord in His Grace in the ultimate. The use of this benediction therefore is to remind us in summary of the gracious act of the Lord God in Christ Jesus. It is not to be mystified. Alleluia. Amen.

PTRAY you are enlightened in His Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 3-5; Luke 14:25-35

APRIL 19TH KNOWING HIM WHOSE DUTY IT IS TO STRENGTHEN YOU IN FAITH

READ Romans 16:25 "Now to Him Who is able to strengthen you in the faith which is in accordance with my Gospel and the preaching of (concerning) Jesus Christ (the Messiah), according to the revelation (the unveiling) of the mystery of the plan of redemption which was kept in silence and secret for long ages,"

Being born again as important as it is only a one time act of the Holy Ghost of God; yet, His Spirit does not go to sleep in the life of the young Christian. Even in the lives of the most matured Christian, he or she is still a Christian because of the continued acts of the Holy Spirit in his or her life. In short, we all depend on the acts of the Holy Spirit, His Spirit really to continue to abide in the Faith that is Christ. Without His act that is continuous and continual we can do nothing. Knowing this is of great importance to us all as this will keep us in tune and in check to walking and working in His righteousness. If we continually grief Him for whatever reason; if we habitually refuse to be led by Him; if we would go our own way despite His repeated rebuttal of same, then we cannot not abide in Him. Although He has no power of His to walk out in and of us, yet, His Father Who sends Him into every and all true believer and Who keeps Him there has the final authority to ask Him to leave. That is why it is noted in John 15 that if any branch in the Branch refuses to produce fruits of righteousness repeatedly, God the Father will cut him or her off. This cutting is signified by the abandonment of such a person or persons by His Holy Spirit as the Holy Spirit is the only identity that we are of the Lord God. The point has been made-I cannot do anything on my own as much as Christ couldn't and didn't do anything on His own but relied absolutely on His Father. So be wise as He is.

PRAY you will not be self opinionated

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 6-8; Luke 15:1-10

APRIL 20TH ACKNOWLEDGING THE ONLY WISE GOD ALMIGHTY FATHER OF CHRIST

READ Romans 16:27 "To [the] only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ (the Anointed One)! Amen (so be it)."

What the verse for today is stressing is the truth that wisdom is God's and He gives it to all who will reverently and worshipfully ask Him in appropriate proportion to His decreed purpose for each individual called out of the mad and wicked world into His righteousness. We all know or should know that wisdom is the correct and appropriate application of knowledge. Nevertheless, we are talking of the totality of the body of wisdom that is made available for the believer from the reservoir of same in Christ Jesus the moment he gives his life for Christ. There from he goes and makes his use as it becomes necessary in his journey here on earth. This same body of His wisdom made available to the individual is strengthened and replenished periodically as the need arises based on the individual's correct and appropriate utilization of same. This is the wisdom we are talking about. An easier way of characterizing this or summarizing same may be going through Christ exquisite definition of same and by implication of Himself as seen in Proverbs 8:22-36. You will do yourself a lot of good by refreshening your

knowledge of this if already mastered or by going through same to study and take same in if not yet internalized. You are most blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in His wisdom

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 9-11; Luke 15:11-32

APRIL 21ST KNOWING THE MISSIONARY IN THE APOSTLES

READ Mark 6:30 "The apostles [sent out as missionary] came back and gathered together to Jesus, and told Him all they had done and taught."

We all know or ought to know that the literal meaning of apostle is special messenger of Christ. But few of us actually appreciate the truth as well as the fact that these apostles were more of His missionaries through whom we got saved. By this is meant they were the ones sent out by Him to propagate His Gospel the same that was and still is His Good news to the entire world. Knowing that a missionary takes the Gospel to a new and virgin land where the Gospel has never been preached, the evangelist preaches Christ anywhere whether or not there had been previous work or works therein. In this way, an evangelist could also function as a missionary even though the missionary is both an evangelist and His special messenger at the same time. The point I am making here today is for us all to appreciate the exemplary work done by the apostles through His Spirit the same that has spread the Gospel news to almost the entire globe now and is still reproducing itself and to be grateful for the sacrifices which all these apostles of His made by being martyred for the Lord God. Appreciating and acknowledging their works is nothing but renewing our own commitments to the Gospel news as we are so saddled with and executing same unswervingly. You are most blessed in His Grace forevermore, amen.

PRAY you are this committed

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 12-13; Luke 16

APRIL 22ND COMING AWAY INTO A DESERT PLACE AND RESTING

READ Mark 6:31 "And He said to them, [As for you] come away by yourselves to a desert place, and rest a while-for many were [continually] coming and going, and they had not even leisure enough to eat."

I have been in ministerial work for over three decades now both part-time and full time. More often than not, I suffer burnout a period when I am flagged out and almost useless. Many a time I have been restrained by the Holy Spirit in one way or the other which to ordinary people will seem normal. For instance, I am just returning home after leaving the house at 7.00am. Without resting or giving room for rest, I am behind the laptop writing such that I can meet the deadline set by His Excellency for the completion of the writing. Interestingly, I am limited in that I left the wire that should power the laptop in the office. God deliberately allows me so to do such that when the battery is down, I am also down not writing. Then I can have the desired rest and

get reinvigorated. But why you want to ask or better put why can't I continue to write even without sleep and finish before the deadline? The answer is simple-I am not that composed by which I mean I was not made that way. God Who in His wisdom formed me from my mother's womb has not constituted me in like manner. So I must watch His composition of me otherwise I would waste myself. The same applies to you and to every other person. As human we need rest. It is a must for all to be who and what God had made us all to be. This is the point the Lord God is making by asking His apostles to take a rest by first running away and hiding themselves from the ever coming throng. Glory is the Lord alleluia.

PRAY you will rest as required to live well and long enough

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 14-15; Luke 17:1-19

APRIL 23RD "And they went away in a boat to a solitary place by themselves."

This is a follow up to yesterday's ministration and an accomplishment of same in that not only did the Lord command the apostles but also ensured they complied with the commandment. There are some useful deductions from this. Whether we know it or not, all commandments of the Lord for us are for our good. Think it out a bit. What does God lose if we fornicate and contact deadly sexually transmitted diseases? What is the loss of the Most High if we steal and we are killed or what has the Household of God in the heavenly got to lose if we kidnap and we are lynched? He loses nothing. When we obey His precepts by following them, God gains in that He can see us in His obedience and continue to use us all. Psalm 116 has noted that precious is the death of the righteous in the sight of the Lord. This means in part that before the heavens will accede to the death of the righteous on any grounds, it must be a painstaking decision. So we are the beneficiaries of obeying all His commandments. They are put in place for our good and good alone. They are not punitive at all and should never be so seen. Take for instance my own case- I have never gone on annual leave since I started working full time in 1992. Not even for a week and I stress myself beyond measure. In this I am not furthering His work. Indeed, I am hindering His work and my person. Accordingly, I am proceeding on leave with immediate effect during which time I will only be reached for emergency. Rest yourself and rest your body. You need it to live and live well too. Amen.

PRAY you will listen to the voice of the Spirit and live

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 16-18; Luke 17:20-37

APRIL 24TH KNOWING WHAT TO DO WITH THE GOSPEL

READ Acts of the Apostles 2:37 "Now when they heard this they were stung (cut) to the heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles (special messengers), Brethren, what shall we do?"

The essence of preaching the Gospel at any and whatever level is for people to be transformed and there is no end to spiritual transformation just as there is no end to educational

development in the circular world. Any time Scripture is ministered in whatever level, it is to hit the man in his heart and propel and provoke a positive reaction in him the like of what we have here today. But for this to happen, the Holy Ghost must be the motivating power behind the crusade. Yes, crusade whether it is for one man or for millions. God must work therein. Secondly and equally important, the hearers must be prepared to give their hearts out to the Lord such that He can do His work in them. This was what happened in this instance. Of course not every time we preach the Gospel do people react positively, otherwise there would not have been any martyr for Christ. Whether the reaction is positive or negative, as long as we preach by His power and instruction, we have done our own bit. The rest is left to Him to accomplish as His own chosen time. Saul of Tarsus was living when Christ was ministering. He was not touched by same then because his time to come in was not ripe. This was true of the cripple brought to the Gate Beautiful. All through Christ's ministration, he was there in all probability. Yet, He wasn't given to heal him because his time was not ripe. At the fullness of time, both were touched by the Holy Ghost fire. We conclude therefore that ours is to preach as instructed and motivated; it is for God to work out His own way as He deems fit whenever and however. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will know and have the appropriate attitude to His work

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 19-20; Luke 18:1-23

APRIL 25TH ACKNOWLEDGING THE ANSWER OF PETER

READ Acts of the Apostles 2:38 "And Peter answered them, Repent (change your views and purpose to accept the will of God in your inner selves instead of rejecting it) and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of and release from your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Here we are again exploring the wisdom and knowledge of God Most High in our understanding Scripture particularly as it affects the answer of the apostle Peter in his response to the heart breaking question by those to whom the Gospel had been preached. The need to explore this stems from the truth that we should be ready always to give an answer to any who will inquire of us the reasons for the hope and joy in us with humility and all readiness as seen in 1Peter 3:15. It is this necessary and appropriate because if after all said and done; after all sermoning we do not end same by inviting and leading our listeners to His Cross, then we are of all men most miserable. For why believe at all if we would not proclaim the Gospel; and why proclaim if we would not gain them for Christ when they are made ready by His Holy Spirit? This is the essence of all ministrations-to gain more faithful for God and to stabilize those already gained for His work. In other words, teaching and preaching His Word any time should be backed up by appropriate answers and response to our listeners with the aim of bringing more souls to Him. This then is the import of today's ministration. It is most well with you always. Amen.

PRAY you are truly equipped for His work always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 21-22; Luke 18:24-43

APRIL 26TH KNOWING THE NATURE OF THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

READ Acts of the Apostles 2:39 "For the promise [of the Holy Spirit] is to and for you and your children, and to and for all that are far away, [even] to and for as many as the Lord God invites and bids to come to Himself."

The promises of God for His own, particularly the promise of the Holy Ghost is for all faithful. Jesus asked His apostles to wait in Jerusalem until they received the Promise of the Father to inundate them with His Holy Spirit. This came into fulfillment exactly ten days after the ascension of Christ which was fifty days after His resurrection. This is known as the Pentecost day when the Church, His church universal really was formed on earth. One can argue that the Promise was for the Jews who were the beneficiaries of the Abrahamic Promise too. But the truth is that the entire universe is to benefit from the Abrahamic Promise as contained therein that the entire world would be blessed through Abraham the dispenser of His and the Promise. In the early Church and through the ministration of the very Apostle Peter to Cornelius and his Gentile household, God established His Word that through the entire Globe would His Word and Glory be made manifest. To us all is this Promise of the Holy Spirit and to our children and children's children as well. God only used the Jews as His favored vessel of honor through whom the oracles of the Lord was dispensed to the entire world. Abraham is not just the father of the Jews but is the father of all who had believed; all who are now believing; and all who will believe in future. Let us acclaim His Promise into our lives. It is for us all, amen.

PRAY you will not shy away from His Truth

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Samuel 23-24; Luke 19:28-48

APRIL 27TH BELIEVING AND BEING BAPTIZED IN HIS BLOOD AND SPIRIT

READ Acts of the Apostles 2:41 "Therefore those who accepted and welcomed his message were baptized, and there were added that day about 3,000 souls."

Right from the time of Christ and precisely as the commencement of the early Church, the process of being a faithful is simplified. One needs to be convicted in one's heart and to profess outwardly that which has been convicted by professing same but truly though and not otherwise. Any and all who will so confess his or her inner convictions were generally baptized by immersion in a flowing stream. Later and usually came the baptism of the Holy Ghost which was and still is the empowerment needed by the new faithful to be who and what He wants him or her to be. With time there came up modifications as people merely professed without the inner conviction. And because it is being faked more than expected some theologians as well as pastoral ministers pay attention to the conviction of the Holy Spirit. This becomes noticeable

and established when compared with the truth that a dying patient in the hospital or wherever cannot be baptized by immersion and this will not vitiate his acceptance into the heavenly Paradise just as the male factor who confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and accepted His restitution for him assembled with Him in Paradise that day. The point is this- that confession of Christ as personal Lord and Savior following inner conviction of the Holy Spirit is all one needs to be saved. The Cornelius example mentioned earlier buttresses this truth. They received the Holy Spirit like the apostolic Jews even before baptism and it was Peter who commanded them to be baptized and not a heavenly command. Amen.

PRAY you are truly saved in His Blood

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY- 1 Kings 1-2; Luke 19:28-48

APRIL 28TH LET ALL THAT IS DEEPEST IN ME PRAISE THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

READS Psalm 103:1 "BLESS (AFFECTIONATELY, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul; and all that is [deepest] within me, bless His Holy name!"

For the purposes of this ministration, bless is seen as s free synonym of praise for there is no way we as mere mortals can bless the Lord save for our acknowledging His power and might by praising and shouting His praises. Having said that much, how does one allow his deepest part bless and praise the Lord? Where is the deepest part of one and how does one communicate with same? For the purposes of our discussion, the deepest part of one is the soul of one which is the part of our being blessed with affection be it positive or negative. Thus asking our innermost or deepest part to bless the Lord is the same thing as asking our inner being, the part of us that knows no death in that it is eternal like the spirit to acknowledge and bless the Maker of us all. You nourish this aspect by being truly spiritual. This is the same thing as being Bible oriented and Scripture laden in the power of the Holy Spirit. It has to be in the power of the Holy Spirit because Bible meaning without the illumination of His Spirit is prone usually to satanic and carnal interpretations. If we are exposed to Scripture as early as it is possible in life; or if at any point in our life we allow the illuminating nature and power of His Holy Spirit to nurture us, we would come up with a culture of holy and righteous living that is not faked. When this happens, we are already connected to His source; I mean we have already had our soul being linked up with His Spirit. Then we nourish the soul by daily living in His Word whether written or otherwise. This then is how our deepest part that is already nurtured in Him does bless and praise Him. Alleluia.

PRAY you are spiritual in body, soul, and spirit

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1Kings 3-5; Luke 20:1-26

APRIL 29TH WHY HE MADE KNOWN HIS WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS TO MOSES

READ Psalm 103:7 "He made known His ways [of righteousness and justice] to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel."

Since the fall of man in Eden, God had ceased coming to visit the man He had created at the cool of the day. From the time He cursed us and justifiably, He had set a pattern or a way of approach to Himself which all who want to be blessed in Him must follow. This Way was made and is still made bloody. Then it was through the blood of rams, calves, birds, and others. But these were too inferior and inappropriate to cleanse man from his wantonness. Instead, they only covered his sin until the Mediator of man and God even the Lord Jesus Christ came to fulfill for us all righteousness as Scripturally required. The point I am making here is that God had from the time of the fall set up this way of approach the same that necessarily involved a shadow mediator in the likes of Moses and Elijah who were shadows of the fulfillment Who is Christ the Lord. Even after His ascension, there is no way God will directly relate to all of all outside of this Way of approach that necessitates the pastoral mediation. For this reason He made His way known to Moses then. Today and with the Scripture already completed and documented He still appoints mediators who stand in the gap for Him and who explain His way to His followers. For this reason mediators or under-shepherds will never cease to being until we see Him as He is.

PRAY you are in the know of Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 6-7; Luke 20:27-47

APRIL 30TH APPRECIATING THE GREATNESS OF HIS MERCY

READ Psalm 103:11 "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great are His mercy and loving-kindness towards those who reverently fear Him."

There is no way we would ever know the extent of the love, mercies, and loving-kindness of the Almighty towards us. Even if He is determined to showcase this to us characteristically, our nature cannot fathom the depth, breadth, width, and length of His Graciousness over us as it is noted in Scripture. But when we take a look at the world around us, and the animal word and the world of the fishes and birds, and see how massive and powerful some of them are made by Him yet, totally subdued to us sons of men, we cannot but be grateful to Him. If we consider the fact and truth of our composition and the enormity of our brain to handle the entire universe that we are commanded to subdue, we cannot but bless His holy name. It is this extraordinary bestowment of His on us that makes it possible for us to explore the entire universe coming up with various and varying discoveries. How wonderful is our God and how merciful is His love towards us! Why for instance can't the snake family dominate us or even the cat family? It is because they are not so equipped. We are the determiner of all as dominion is given to us. Right now we have conquered the given and known world that He has given us through His making of us. We are His image. Not even His powerful angels are made in His image. So what are we talking about! God is good and merciful to us all amen.

PRAY you will know His worth in your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 8-9; Luke 21:1-19

MAY 1ST GOD'S KNOWLEDGE OF US ALL

READ Psalm 103:14 "For He knows our frame, He [earnestly] remembers and imprints [on His heart] that we are dust."

Preposterous as this topic seems, the truth is we have to come face to face with the truth of our being and no one would tell us or knows the truth as He Who alone fashions us all from the beginning. So what is man? Man would perhaps not have known himself truly as he was and is until he sinned in Eden and God needed to reveal his true identity to him so as to stop him from equating himself to his maker as falsely imprinted in him by Satan the adversary of us all. In the course of placing the well deserved curse on us all, God had to make it known to us that thenceforth, we were to toil for our daily bread and in this laborious toiling have our strength and manhood drained until we return unto the dust from where we were formed; for dust we are and unto dust we shall return. The exceptions for now are Enouch and Elijah. We have our Lord and Savior Who although died like all men was not subject to putrefaction and decay. All other men are so subject and even me the writer of this piece in His power will face putrefaction and decay as well as all who will read this piece. The truth is God is aware of ourselves as we would never ever be able to. This accounts for why He sewed animal skin for the Adams instead of the fig leaves which could and would not have offered them any respite. Because He knows our frame, He is able more than any else; more even than you and I to show us undeserved mercy. For this truth you need to trust God enough and commit your life to Him knowing full well that His thoughts for you and I is the best whether or not we would acknowledge this.

PRAY you will trust God enough always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 10-11; Luke 21:20-38

MAY 2ND SEEING HIM WHO IS CLOTHED WITH HONOR AND MAJESTY

READ Psalm 104:1 "BLESS (AFFECTIONATELY, GRATEFULLY praise) the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great! You are clothed with honor and majesty"

It is good and right for the Psalter to let us know that God is clothed at all. He is not naked even though He created us naked as seen in our father Adam and the birth of the new babies. If indeed we are His image, then in the physical also, there are things we should and indeed share with Him. One of such is His clothing and not just any clothing but that of honor and majesty. We as His image radiate His majesty no doubt. You will recollect that when Isaiah saw His vision in the Temple; His Temple really, he noted that the Lord's train filled the entire Holy Place. Here we are told that apart from the physical splendor of His clothing, there is the spiritual which is majestic and honorable. This should not surprise us at all. After all He created all and determines what is good and what is not. In this wise also He ordered that Aaron and his two children then who represented the priesthood should be clothed in honor and glory as befitting of their high office. This much we are told in Exodus. Because He has given us of His glory, honor and majesty, it is noteworthy and necessary that we bless Him affectionately from our inner being as

noted in our ministration yesterday. There is no other way to this. He is our Maker Who so much loves us as to make us a shadow of His glorious Self. He even came to live temporarily in our world and in our frame to bring more honor and majesty on our being. Such a Supreme Being commands our appreciation all the time and always. Alleluia.

PRAY you are this knowledgeable

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 12-13; Luke 22:1-20

MAY 3RD RECOGNIZING AND APPRECIATING SOME OF THE CHARACTERS OF GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 104:3 "Who lays the beams of the upper room of His abode in the waters [above the firmament], Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind,"

There are ways by which theologians classify and estimate for study the various characters of God Almighty. We talk for instance of *Proper Theology* which is an area of study of God outside of His works. Here today we are not doing a theological study or analysis. Rather we want to see God from the Biblical perspective pure and simple. As a result, we want to examine the Bible verse here designated for study. We see God in His greatness as He lays the beams of His upper room in the waters that are above the sky ; for there are hosts of waters above separated by His Word in making the earth from the heavens. Secondly, and just in this one verse, we are told again of His wonders as He makes the clouds His chariot. We know what the clouds are. These are the firmaments we see when we look up. While He roots His room's foundations on this group of waters as He does the earth, He delights in being moved around the universe in the cloudless clouds of His not visible to the ordinary eyes. Remember the Bible also states that He is seated among the Cherubim who have the responsibilities of bearing His chariots of fire. Yet we read that God Almighty walks on the wings of the wind. So we have to agree that all created things whether animate or not are sensitive to Him in one way or the other. Otherwise why ride Him on the wings of the wind. The winds we see and sometimes feel do have wings as here seen. Great is the awesome nature of our God. Amen.

PRAY you will understand Scripture as intended by the Giver Himself

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 14-15; Luke 22:21-46

MAY 4TH KNOWING THE NATURE OF THE TREES OF THE LORD

READ Psalm 104:16 "The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly and are filled with sap, the cedars of Lebanon which He has planted."

There is no denying the truth that there is a symbolic meaning to this verse as all the trees of the earth are the Lord's. Indeed, the earth as well as its fullness is of the Lord. So what does the verse mean or better what is the meaning intended beyond the surface indication? We can say that what is intended is that all who will trust in the Lord and would allow themselves to be planted on His own grounds wherever and whenever, even however will be nourished

abundantly by Him and will bring forth bountifully. We can then ask if there is the case of trees even of the Lord not being planted on His ground. The answer is a resounding yes and a lot really. When David ran from Israel under the threat of King Saul and escaped to the Philistines land, was he sent there by God? So how well did he fare therein? When the prophet Elijah ran away from Jezebel the mother witch on a solo effort without inquiring from God for the fear of death, did he prosper therein? Didn't God ask him to return to where he was coming from? In our days today, we see many believers and self acclaimed believers changing churches as if they are changing clothes; are they so instructed? And all who are being discipled today or who receive one miracle or the other from an assembly, didn't they most of the time remain in those assemblies even when they are not planted therein? Who cares where he or she is planted these days or who to marry or how many children to bring forth? Hence the dislocations and disasters in their lives even as Christians which should never be so. So change and await His planting.

PRAY you will not reject your ground of planting

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 16-18; Luke 22:47-71

MAY 5TH EXTOLLING THE VIRTUES OF THE LORD MOST HIGH

READ Psalm 104:24 "O Lord, how many and varied are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your riches and Your creatures."

It is meet we extol some of the virtues of our Almighty, All Knowing, and All Good doing God of the ages. There is nothing else we can do but this except we are infidels. God is no doubt awesomely great; so great and innumerable we may be confused as to the appropriate way and manner of extolling Him. Nevertheless, not extolling Him at all is worse than inappropriately extolling Him. God is good. Our God is most gracious; not just because He created us in His own personal image, or just because He sustains us. But far and beyond all these, He has the best intentions of us in mind. This has prompted Him to put in place for all who will be least loyal to Him by truly professing Him faithfully a place in His own domain, the New City which is presently inside of Himself and taking us all there into the twelve floor City that has no need of light, sun and moon as the Lord God Himself and His Lamb are the Light of same. How illuminating is this Light that is beyond the power of our present sun and moon combined! Even when the sun will burn with sevenfold power in the New Earth as seen in Isaiah, it will still be no match at all for the Brilliance of our God Almighty. No doubt, He is worthy of our extolling. Not without the truth that in all these wondrous deeds of His we are paramount in His mind as He delights in us. Why on earth do you think He should domicile in our own world of all the planets He has created! Blessed be the name of our God and worthy of our extolling always, amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in His Glory

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 19-20; Luke 23:1-25

MAY 6TH LET THE LORD GLORY IN HIS WORKS FOREVER MORE AMEN

READ Psalm 104:31 "May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works."

From the human perspective which is not opposed to the divine I would venture to say, one way of appreciating anything is to see its effect especially the positive effect. In this way, one way of seeing the greatness of our God Who is invincible is to appreciate all His visible works as well as those not visible to our own naked eyes. This will not be a problem to those of us who are walking in His faith by His power and might. Accordingly, if our God is all we have documented here alone, not to talk of the innumerable works of His listed in Scripture plus of course those not given to us to know, we would see that there is much joy for the Lord God and us who are graciously His faithful to joy in His creations and works. Hence the appropriateness of today's Scriptural verse-letting the Lord God glory in His works forever more. You may not want to believe but it is the truth that Jesus Christ Himself is the beginning of all works of God Almighty. All His works you need be reminded are good and noble. In Proverbs 8 for instance and just this one instance it is said of Christ by Himself thus: "*The Lord formed and brought me [Wisdom] forth at the beginning of His way, before His acts of old."-V.22* . If Christ was the beginning of His works and Christ is the Mediator of ALL and God the Righteous, you must agree with the Psalter that the Lord God Almighty should glory forever more in His works especially when He would have made an end of all sins and sinning and would have consigned death and Hades with Satan to the lake of fire as seen in Revelation 20. Glory is God most High in the highest heavens, alleluia.

PRAY you pray this prayer of the eternal glorification of His Majesty

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Kings 21-22; Luke 23:26-56

MAY 7TH PRAISING GOD ALL DAYS OF MY LIFE

READ Psalm 104:33 "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being."

Perhaps as a good conclusion to all we have been examining of late, there is this declaration fit only for all who had truly given their lives to God Almighty; all who know that they are nothing and couldn't have been anything but who and what God has made them and this is that all days of our lives as I am inclusive and I am making this declaration first for myself and secondarily for all who will truly believe; that as long as I have God's breathe in me, I will always praise Him. I will sing His praises all days of my life particularly when I am facing challenges. I have to confess to you that about 24 months ago if I am not being immodest, I have found myself praising God always in my most difficult times. When the road ahead of me seems plainly blocked; when it appears I am not going forward any more; when I am hemmed in by His permission and the enemy seems to have an edge over me, I have found out that my inner person; my deepest me and that party of me which is given to His affection will blurt out of my person-**GOD I BLESS**

YOU. At some point I started thinking why only when I am in straightened condition that this always happened. Then God made me to realize that at other times I unconsciously praise Him daily the same that gave rise to His Spirit prompting me to do the same in difficult times. Then I know that it is not me but Himself in me praising Himself because I faith in Him by His power and might. Praise the Lord all days of your life amen.

PRAY you will praise His might and power in you always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 1-3; Luke 24:1-35

MAY 8TH LEARNING TO BLESS HIM AFFECTIONATELY ALWAYS

READ Psalm 104:35 "Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. *Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!)"- [Emphasis mine please.]*

The focus of our discussions today is affectionately praising and blessing the Lord God. It is not just singing His praises because we are told so to do or when He showers His blessings upon our lives. Let us consider two pivotal instances from Scripture. The day Satan finished his Temptation 101 on Job, the Bible says Job tore his clothes and put ashes on his head in line with the custom of his days and worshipped the Lord by falling down on his face perhaps prostrate and acknowledged God's right and power to do with him as He deemed fit. Here was a man who had just lost his life. His life in the sense that all he had labored for; all he had toiled for and all he had been living for by way of his children were all gone. Yet, he affectionately, meaning from the bosom of his heart praised the Lord probably in tears whether visible or not. This is the kind of affectionate praising we are talking about. With regards to King David, we see a man who was aged and already dying. Yet all he had gathered and sanctified by way of gold, silver, bronze and all that mattered, he willingly gave out in dedication to the Lord God of his prompting all his officers and commanders to willingly give as well. This was with the knowledge that he was not going to receive the glory of building the Temple but another. There could be no better affectionately blessing and praising the Lord than this. Learn to; then go and do likewise all days of your life, amen.

PRAY you have imbibed His praises affectionately enough

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 4-6; Luke 24:36-53

MAY 9TH PROCLAIMING HIS WORD HIS OWN WAY

READ 1 Corinthians 2:1 "AS FOR myself, brethren, when I came to you, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony and evidence or mystery and secret of God [concerning what He has done through Christ for salvation of men] in lofty words of eloquence or human philosophy and wisdom."

Every evangelist worth his salt will agree that the message of evangelism is Christ no doubt. Yet, how do we market Him to the populace? How do I present Christ to the educated and the less educated? How for instance does one present Jesus to the *Boko Haram* sect as opposed to reasonable people of other faith? How do I present the Gospel of Christ to the President of America given his penchant to listening to the people for vote for instance on the same sex marriage? How would I present the same message of Christ as regards same sex marriage and other related issues to the Sultan for example? These are contemporary issues and as diverse as they seem, the answer is the same- this being let God direct your tongue. Having been christained yourself, you should just allow the Holy Spirit to take control of your tongue and the whole of your being after doing all you need to do in terms of preparation especially about the socio-cultural background of the recipients. More than anything else, rely on and allow God to work through you. If you rely on anything apart from the power and might of the Holy Spirit, you will certainly be a failure. I have delivered sermons I considered a flop only for people to come testifying of His goodness in the message. And times there are when I deliberately part myself on the back for a job well done only to witness the opposite. Thus I have learnt in every situation to listen to and act as He would direct. Amen.

PRAY you are always taught by Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 7-9; John 1:1-28

MAY 10TH LEARNING TO REST YOUR FAITH ON THE POWER OF GOD

READ 1 Corinthians 2:5 "So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God."

The temptation is always there to knowingly present Christ in the power of the flesh and or unwittingly present Him in human knowledge. Any time we present ourselves instead of Christ; any time we promote deliberately or otherwise our own agenda apart from His; any time we are found in carnal considerations of ego boosting instead of being Spirit led totally, we are risking bringing up our listeners to adore us as opposed to Him Who really send us and power us. So how do we avoid promoting ourselves as opposed to Christ wittingly and unwittingly? When we ask people to attend our assembly to meet with our minster who will heal them and not Christ Who would work Himself in our minister as He only deems fit, we are courting trouble and presenting God in human wisdom which at best can last for a while. I have heard several members of the assembly God has placed under me quoting God's Words of wisdom spoken through me as mine; and I have severally corrected this mistake that could even go for blaspheming as of my own self, I know nothing. I do not ever invite people to come and listen to me or anything of such. I never told anybody to expect what I would do for them. Instead I make it point clear that even me I am destitute of assisting myself. Just like them too, I wait on God and look up to Him. But unlike them, it has pleased God to work through me for now. I can't be here forever. My time will lapse when I will have to return to Him Who has sent me to account

for what I have been busy doing here. The same is true of you. So let us watch out lest we fall flat.

PRAY He would always keep you alert

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 10-12; John 1:29-51

MAY 11TH DO YOU RECOGNIZE GOD'S WORKING IN YOUR LIFE?

READ 1 Corinthians 2:9 "But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed]."

We give God all glory for the wonderful works He has done in us and is still doing in our lives. To God be the Glory now and forever more alleluia. We are what we are by the singular grace of the Father whether or not we want to acknowledge this truth of the Cross. On His own He God formed us from the Adamah and preserved us in His Glory after breathing into us the breathe of Life; His Life really. Despite our fall and failing continually not to say continuously, He has preserved us and has been our Provisor through thick or thin. God has been there for us and is us to ensure that His purposes in our lives come to pass. We cannot be anything other than what He has made of us. Take for instance, Nebuchadnezzar whom He turned into a big monkey. Despite his being away from himself and from his throne for seven good years, He ensured he was not harmed beyond his derangement and ensured there was no rebellion against his person all that long. He restored him firmly and he made a blessing of him thereafter so much that his last was far better than his beginning. That's our God for you. Israel you may want to know was being punished for the 38 years of their desert wonderings. Yet, He suffered no man to do them any evil. He rebuked kings for their sake. What is more He called them His anointed even in their rebellion. Who else can do this and show you love in your failing and falling!

PRAY you will ever acknowledge and appropriate God's blessings over your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 13-14; John 2

MAY 12TH REALIZING WHY HE HAS GIVEN YOU HIS HOLY SPIRIT

READ 1 Corinthians 2:12 "Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts [of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly] bestowed on us by God."

We all know or should know that when He was about to leave this world and His apostles and disciples were worried and dejected and almost disillusioned, He assured them He would send to them and by implication us too, another Comforter like Him Who the Father God would send

in His [Son] name. If He would be the Comforter like He Himself, then it must be understood from the beginning that the purpose of His coming is to comfort and stabilize us in the Way of Righteousness. Secondly, if He would be sent by the Father upon the request personally placed by the Son after His glorification, then it must be understood that He was not of this world and couldn't have been any way. If He would be coming from the heavenly, then all He would bring and which He has already brought must be understood not to be of this world but of the heavenly Kingdom of the Father. As a result, although He is resident here with and in us, He is of the Father Himself. Being this divine, it must be understood that all He brings are also divine and are for our good. They are for us and are to testify of the love of the Father for us sons of men. As a result it is our responsibility to appreciate and recognize the very reason why He has given us of His Self. To do otherwise is to make a mockery of His Gifts-first His Son and secondly His Holy Spirit. Alleluia

PRAY you are most appreciative of Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 15-16; John 3:1-18

MAY 13TH BEING THE SPIRITUAL MAN HE HAS FASHIONED YOU TO BE

READ 1 Corinthians 2:15 "But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him]."

It is pertinent to know that since the fall and the subsequent redemption of man in Christ Jesus, God has taken unto Himself all men and women who have given their lives truly to Him and has made of them a spiritual being in like manner in which He Himself is. They are no ordinary men and women any more. For when He first molded Adam from the soil of the ground, He had to breathe life, His Life really into him to become a living soul. When the man fell, it was the Life in him that was taken away in his rebellion. Christ Jesus came to give us back this life that was taken away in rebellion, for that is what rebellion seeks and does-to rake away the Life of God in the individual and replace it with the life of carnality and animalism. As a spiritual person, you have the same right as Jesus Christ before the Father. All He does you are equipped to do according to His purpose for you and as at when due as determined by Him prior to your birth. Accordingly, you are equipped in His Grace and Grace alone to examine all things; to investigate all things and persons; to inquire into and discern all things yet, you are never to be tried or examined or inquired of by any man especially the carnal person. Not only are you equipped to search out all things, but more than this you are an insight on your own to all things in His power. How much of these are you aware of and how much uses are you putting your God given gifts to? Reach out to these today and be who and what He has fashioned you.
PRAY you are this blessed yourself

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 17=18; John 3:19-36

MAY 14TH ARE YOU AWARE YOU HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST IN YOU?

READ 1 Corinthians 2:16 "For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart."

I have always insisted and maintained along Scriptural revelation that all Christians who are truly His are Jesus types. How do I mean? Apart from the morphology of the word itself in which Christian is derived from Christ, the truth is that all who are truly Christians are supposed to be Christ in deed, acts, and thoughts but in varying degrees according to the differences in grace and revelation. By this I mean and humbly submit too that all true Christians are mini Jesus. He is to be seen in us and we are to live Him in all our all every day. Accordingly therefore, I also submit that from this perspective, all believers are prophets of the Lord God after the order of our father Abraham who was first referred to as God's own prophet in Genesis 20:7. As God's own prophet he had the mind of God meaning God would never do anything without first revealing it to His prophets as again seen in Amos 3:7. Also in Psalm 25:14 the same is said that the Lord's secret is with those who fear Him to whom He will reveal His covenant. Therefore, we believers have the mind of God; we know beforehand what He will do and this is the essence of prophecy. For instance, all the prophecies of Daniel as well as those in the book of Revelation are a piece of the ice bag. So live in Christ today and therein abide forevermore. Alleluia.

PRAY you are well placed in Him and well rooted therein

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 19-21; John 4:1-30

MAY 15TH WHEN GOD WILL USE YOUR ENEMY TO LIFT YOU HIGH

READ GENESIS 40:1 "NOW SOME time later the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their lord, Egypt's king."

God's ways are a mystery not just to us but also to His angels. Otherwise how do you account for Michael only an arch angel fighting the war of God against Satan in the heavenly as seen in Revelation 12:7? The Bible also notes that the redemption of man and the entire salvation issue are still mysterious to the angels. I am sure another area of mystery to the angelic beings is the delight of God and His love for mankind. Be that as it may; God's ways are unique to Himself as He has no limitations at all. He does all He wishes all the time and how He wants it. He works out His ways in any and everything. This accounts for why Scripture in Romans 8:28 notes that all things work well for good for them who love God; for them who are called according to His purpose. God had known before eternity beginning what He would accomplish in Joseph for Himself. Thus when Satan thought he was inhibiting God's plan, God laughed him to scorn. Thus, when the servants of Pharaoh sinned, God made him jailed them in the very jail Joseph was so as to perfect His purpose. God in His wisdom and knowledge had given Joseph the gift of dreams and their interpretation. It was same largely that put him in jail to start with. It was no surprise

that the same gift eventually made him. So when God caused the two offenders to dream the same night, He went ahead to give Joseph the interpretation that came to pass exactly as prophesied the third day. God, your God Who is in the heavenly will use any and all situations to elevate you as He perfects His will over your life and li9ving. Amen.

PRAY you are in the know of His Lordship all the time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 22-23; John 4:31-54

MARCH 16TH WHY GOD WORKS HIS WAY UNIQUELY DIVINE AND DIVINELY UNIQUE?

READ Genesis 40:3 "He put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard where Joseph was confined."

When we say God works uniquely divine and divinely unique we mean in part that His ways are second to none. Who would have thought that God would work out His salvation for man by sending Himself in His Son to come in the guise of a man and the lowest of man really? Who would have thought that God would conquer death in and for man by allowing His Son to suffer death? That is God for you. Or how else shall we classify and characterize the making of Jesus Christ in the human form as most lacking in comeliness so that all who would believe in Him will not be drawn by His personal charisma but the power of the Holy Ghost in Him? If you are still in doubt, how do you account for Jesus bowing before John His making to be baptized? That is our God for you. Accordingly brethren, you and I can never ever understand God enough. The little we are given should gladden us. More than this we are to faith faithfully in Him. Or how else can you account for the workings of God in ensuring first that Joseph was not killed but only sold? And that he was not sold out to anywhere but Egypt where He had purposed to take Abraham's descendants to? Or why was it that it was the captain of the great Pharaoh who bought Joseph? Then any attempted rape particularly by a slave was to be punished by death, so why was Joseph only jailed? To crown it all, why were the cup bearer and the chief cook jailed in the same place that Joseph was jailed? The answer is God was working out His own way the way He does. You are not an exception. It is well with you also. Amen.

PRAY you will only wait on Him enough

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Kings 24-25; John 5:1-24

MAY 17TH WHY NOT GET YOUR DREAMS INTERPRETTED NOW?

READ Genesis 40:8 "And they said to him, We have dreamed dreams, and there is no one to interpret them. And Joseph said to them, Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me [your dreams], I pray you."

There is no denying the truth of God's Words that dreams and dreaming form another facet by which God communicates to us man and they are never subordinate to every other means of His revelation. There should therefore be no attempts to subordinate them as people are often

tending to doing. As a matter of truth again, dreams form one of the most confidential ways of God's revelation to His own as they are personal most of the times the only exception being when the interpretation as in this case is not given to the dreamer or if the dreamer is not the end point of the dream. I have come to know by experience and the Word of God that God wants us to be aware of happenings around us even before they come on and in many cases He uses the dream outlet. But unfortunately, many do not take their dreams serious and wish away what they should have acted upon which in all probabilities would have brought them good. Take the case in point here. If Joseph had not being inquisitive, these prisoners would have perhaps kept their burdens to themselves. Besides, the non-acting upon the evil revelation given to the chief baker cost him his life. Had he asked to be prayed for to avert the doom awaiting him, he would have been spared for we serve a Living and merciful God. So why not have tour dreams interpreted today and be well?

PRAY you are most knowledgeable in His Way

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 1-3; John 5:25-47

MAY 18TH WHEN NO ONE WILL THINK OF YOU OR WHEN YOUR GOOD WILL NOT BE RETURNED

READ Genesis 40:14 "But think of me when it shall be well with you and show kindness, I beg of you, to me, and mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this house."

Many things are wrong with the plea of Joseph here. I am not at all blaming him for his request to this servant of Pharaoh, as anyone drowning will get hold of any and all twigs in his way. The first is Joseph assumed wrongly any could help him when God is not ready to help or when God is not prepared to use the person. It doesn't matter whether he is low or great; small or big. When God is not ready nothing is ever ready. Secondly, Joseph assumed and quite wrongly that because the cup bearer was from Pharaoh and had access to Pharaoh, when he mentioned him to Pharaoh, he Pharaoh will accede to his request. The third fatal mistake of Joseph though understandably in his case was that the cup bearer would return his good deed to him by helping him. But I ask you what good deed had Joseph done him anyway? If Joseph had not been given the interpretation of the dream, wouldn't the cup bearer be released the third day? Perhaps more importantly, Joseph in his predicament forgot that only God Almighty raises helpers for all as He deems fit. These are issues we should learn from particularly when faced with the world's vicissitudes. Of course, Joseph saw the hands of God when he had completed his course in the prison yard and without any helping him really. You are blessed in this revelation mightily in His Grace.

PRAY God will be your strength always particularly in difficult times like this

HIS BLOOD HI9S FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 4-6; John 6:1-21

MAY 19TH WHEN YOUR CHIEF BUTLER WILL FORGET YOU

READ Genesis 40:23 "But [even after all that] the chief butler gave no thought to Joseph, but forgot [all about] him."

I wish you see me as I laugh and giggle when reading this piece of Scripture. The man in whom Joseph reposed trust strongly and in whom he thought God would work out his own freedom never gave a thought to Joseph's plight but totally forgot all about him and the good of God he had received from him. Unfortunately, there was no cell phone or any other means of interpersonal communication apart from the personal. There was no way Joseph could have known what was going on outside of his jail house. Perhaps God revealed to him therein He was still with him and the dreams He had shown him would definitely come to pass. The only reason why the cup bearer forgot Joseph was that not was God's doing, and pray you what could the cup bearer have achieved if he had mentioned Joseph to the great Pharaoh when the King had had no need of him? At best, maybe he would set him free. But free to do what and to accomplish what in the program of the Most High God? Thus, at the fullness of time, it was the great Pharaoh who himself was in need. And because the demand for a dream interpreter had gotten to frenzy, God made the cup bearer to remember Joseph. I pray the Lord will remember you at the appropriate time and timing and His glory will blossom over your life, amen.

PRAY you are learned in all His Way

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 7-9; John 6:22-44

MAY 20TH CLOTHING YOURSELF IN GODLINESS

READ Colossians 3:12 "Clothe yourselves therefore, as God's own chosen ones (His own picked representatives), [who are] purified and holy and well-beloved [by God Himself, by putting on behavior marked by] tenderhearted pity and mercy, kind feeling, a lowly opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, [and] patience [which is tireless and long-suffering, and has the power to endure whatever comes, with good temper."

We are admonished in the power and Grace of the Lord for which we are all redeemed to clothe ourselves with godliness in Christ Jesus. As a matter of divine truth, been born again is nothing but willingly disrobing oneself of the human carnal nature and willingly taking on the nature of the divine in Christ Jesus such that we are who He alone has fashioned us to be in the heavenly. It is in line with this injunction which we all knowingly and unknowingly sign into at our new birth that we are here admonished to take on the robes of tenderheartedness marked out by being exceedingly merciful and pitying the less privileged; kindness the same which is closely related to being tenderhearted; and being of a lowly mind as epitomized by the life and times of our Savior Who although was God never thought it too much or something to be grabbed but emptied Himself of all godliness and took on the nature of the lowly and humble Man Who was later humbled and humiliated. Yet, He complained not as it was His Father's will for Him to be so humbled. Next we are to be patient in all our dealings giving room for the other person's inadequacies and expecting him or her to see his true self. Lastly we are admonished also to be

of good temper which is the same thing as telling us to avoid been easily provoked. These are some of the features of godliness we are to reflect. So how well are you doing in all these?

PRAY you are these blessed

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 10-12; John 6:45-71

MAY 21ST LEARNING TO READILY PARDON EACH OTHER AS THE LORD HAS DONE

READ COLOSSIANS 3:13 "Be gentle and forbearing with one another and, if one has a difference (a grievance or complaint) against another, readily pardoning each other; even as the Lord has [freely] forgiven you, so must you also [forgive]."

The basis of our faith is forgiveness of our trespasses; not just this but also we are to continue to forgive those who trespass against us. For being born again is no immunity to sin and sinning. As a matter of fact and truth, we would still be sinning, for which the Holy Ghost is there to convict us and make us seek forgiveness after confessing same. Accordingly, we cannot abide in Him if we refuse to continue to forgive others their sins for having been born again in His power, we more than before need His grace, His continued grace to abide in Him. This is the reason perhaps why this injunction is there. Besides this, it is simply impossible, for human to relate socially and never have one grudge or the other against one another. The only way to ensure continued harmony is to sustain the culture of overlooking our lapses; accepting each other and even one another for who and what we are; and looking forward to God's miraculous doing in our lives. We cannot do otherwise except we are reprobates. Save us from this O Lord God Almighty. Alleluia. In this connection is the above text relevant. We are to learn and master the art of forgiving no matter how painful it is. We have to forgive ourselves exactly as the Lord forgives us and will continue so to do despite our recalcitrance. Amen.

PRAY you will always forgive all who sin against you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 13-15; John 7:1-27

MAY 22ND PUTTING ON LOVE AND ENFOLDING ONESELF WITH PERFECTION

READ Colossians 3:14 "And above all these [put on] love and enfold yourselves with the bond of perfectness which binds everything together completely in ideal harmony]."

Having come into the Faith of Christ Who is the Savior Himself, I have always maintained that we are just starting to learning the Way of righteousness. This is so because no one ever comes into the faith righteous; otherwise there is no need to come in again. Having been born again and accepted into the Commonwealth of the faithful, we start a new journey in learning and mastering the Way. Interestingly, we spend the remaining days of our lives doing this. There is no final graduation from this. Instead there are staged and hierarchical graduations from one level to another. God is love and we are told this from the beginning. Yet, we are told here to put on love the same that leads to the enfolding of the self in perfection, His perfection really.

Why you want to ask? It is because love is the climax of all fulfillments of the Laws of God be they the Laws of Moses or the Laws of Faith. Love is the overriding factor as this is what the Laws and the prophets were given to impart on all. They fail because the Law has no power of making any perfect. Rather, it is His Holy Spirit given out to all that empowers all and infests all with His love. Once we have His love in us and we allow same to grow in us through our constant and continued exposure to Scripture in the power of His Holy Spirit, there is no stopping our growth and development in the Way; His Way of Righteousness really. May we all never be found wanting in this Highway of Righteousness, amen.

PRAY you are ever learning and coming to mastery in His Way

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 16-18; John 7:28-53

MAY 23RD DOING EVERYTHING IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

READ Colossians 3:17 "And whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.

Here we are admonished in a summary what the life of a Christian is the same which is living Christ Jesus. So what does this mean to us all? To live Christ simply means doing all things for Christ including refusing to do that which is unrighteous. It is to consider the self truly as a Christ by putting oneself and seeing oneself as a Christ type such that anything Christ would not do in all probability, one would never do same. If someone were to rape one's wife; defy one's daughter and after all kill one's father, for Christ sake we should forgive for that is what Christ would do were He to be physically living today. Remember the woman caught in the very act of adultery. He Christ forgave her and shamed her accusers for not seeing the need for mercy all the time and failing to realize that the contravention of a law is the same as breaking the entire Law system. Thus, you would not do anything or refuse to go anywhere except Christ would probably not do the same. But can anyone live this on one's self? Certainly no is the answer. But with the power of the Holy Spirit and the enablement from on High, one would do this and probably do more. I have been slapped twice in the public and I just refused to retaliate. I know it wasn't me but God. Again I had been challenged to beat a son but I was not my natural self as I always normally take on all challenges, but not this one time. It was God's doing that saw me through. Yet I am not at all near the required standard. But I am determined to be there and surpass same soonest.

PRAY you are wonderfully animated in His Grace

HIS BLLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 19-21; John 8:1-27

MAY 24TH BEING DISTRESSED; WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

READ 1 Samuel 1:10 "And [Hannah] was in distress of soul, praying to the Lord and weeping bitterly."

I am happy for all I have been made to experience in this world to date. I have lost my first son; have my building broken down; suffered attacks by armed robbers twice at least; been falsely accused; and I have waited and waited for God to come in some areas of my life particularly my ministry and I am still waiting. In all these, I have been enlarged and I came out more informed about the Lord God. I have been enormously blessed, more blessed now than I have ever thought and prayed for in my life. The point I am making is I have known sorrows in this Way of righteousness as I have been made joyous beyond the imagination of man. When I am happy, I have learnt to praise God and truly too. When I am challenged or being challenged as I presently am, I have learnt to call on none save God Almighty. It is not that I do not seek help, but by my calling and His Grace over my life, I always wait to hear from Him; for He will always tell me what to do and what not to do. So He alone has being my Shield. I had had one major challenge in the ministry sometimes ago. God just told me to come out seven Sundays and openly thank Him. Each week He showed me what the future held out for me and eventually, the mighty tree of challenge was pulled down totally. Today it is as if nothing had challenged me in this area. This is the message today-rest on the Lord. Thrust your all on Him like Hannah did and your Samuel will surely come forth. Remain blessed in Him always.

PRAY you are most reliant on Their Excellencies

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 22-24; John 8:28-59

MAY 25TH WHEN THE HIGH PRIEST ELI WILL THINK YOU DRUNK

READ 1 Samuel 1:13 "Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved but her voice was not heard. So Eli thought she was drunk."

Severally I have taught the various congregations of the Lord put in my care to realize that the pastor; the minister; the priest or High Priest or whoever by whatever nomenclature is after all human. As a result, he would make mistakes. Take the verse of today for instance. The High Priest Eli concluded that Hannah must be drunk for not speaking out and kneeling down there but moving only her lips. That was even a honorable conjecture. I am surprised he didn't mistake her for a lunatic needing a psychiatric attention. I have mistaken situations for another quite often. In my ministrations, I have failed severally accusing people wrongly and wrongly judging them most disappointingly in the public. Just of recent, I arrived the mission late and a service was already on. I was so much in a hurry to catch up that when I saw two elders of mine discussing I did not even ask what was going on. Rather I went on the pulpit and castigated them ferociously for staying outside when they should have been in only for me to be told later they were actually calling my line to find out why I was late in coming. Yet, they didn't oppose me or openly rebelled against my ministration. When things happen as this painful as it is, we have to be painstaking and joyfully accept the blame and not trade words with His anointed even though we too are anointed. This is the only way to be blessed extraordinarily. Amen.

PRAY you are ably built to take criticism whether rightly or wrongly put across

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 25-27; John 9:1-23

MAY 26TH GENTLY PUTTING ACROSS YOUR POINTS

READ 1 Samuel 1:15 "But Hannah answered, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I was pouring out my soul before the Lord."

In furtherance of to our discussions of yesterday, we see how intelligently sober those who are led by His Spirit can be. Here was a woman just accused on early morning drinking to stupor. Yet, she reverently put her case across to the man of God, not insulting him or implying he was no true man of God for misjudging the situation. The same is seen in patriarchs of old particularly the very apostle Paul in all his apologetics as he reverently, nobly, and honorably presented his case before his accusers and those sitting over his case who were doomed out of the Way. Hear the respective Hannah- she told the elderly priest who was old enough to be her grandfather that rather than being drunk with wine she was soaked in sorrow. Of course at this point, the high Priest could do nothing but to agree with her submission. As I always teach in the power of the Holy Spirit, it was a final test of the faith of Hannah and all that she had been busy doing and learning in the Way. Imagine if she had been rude to the High Priest; would she have been blessed by him? If she would not be blessed by him, do you think the Holy Spirit would have blessed her imprudence? We all have to learn and be most soberly patient before the Lord God always as well as before His anointed of who you are.

PRAY He makes you sober always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH ANDS YOU TODAY-1 Chronicles 28-29; John 9:24-41

MARCH 27TH WHEN THE HIGH PRIEST WILL DISCHARGE YOU IN PEACE

READ 1 Samuel 1:17 "Then Eli said, Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him."

We come to the conclusion of our examination of 1Samuel 1 for now. Through ardent pains-taking and noble patient submission, Hannah was able to obtain that which the Lord had earmarked for her. Right from the beginning, we see her as a patient woman who believed in the Lord and who would not push anything, but would wait on the Lord. Her faith in the Lord in this early time of His revelation of Scripture attests to this. Otherwise, she would have made life unpleasant for her husband. Rather than this, she cohabited with the second wife who was regularly provoking her and intimidating her. The Bible never recorded any evil deed of the woman Hannah to her rival and secondary wife. Rather she lived with her and regularly went with her husband to Shiloh to bless the Lord God of Israel and to put across to Him her petition. It was this sober patience of hers that informed her waiting behind to personally and privately seek the face of the Lord. She never reported her case to anyone but to the Lord. When it was time for her recompense, Satan came testing and tempting her. But her patience saw her

through. What can we say of your own character in the Way of Righteousness? It is high time you be sober and patiently humble yourself that you may not be humbled. Amen.

PRAY you are this blessed mostly

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 1-3; John 10:1-23

MAY 28TH WHY YOU SHOULD NOT TALK AGAINST A HIGHER ANOINTED THAN YOU

READ Numbers 12:1 "NOW MIRIAM and Aaron talked against Moses [their brother] because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite woman."

Biologically, Moses was the youngest of the three siblings. But beyond that he was the most favored. As a matter of truth, he was a lord over Aaron his brother. Anointing flows from the top to bottom and not otherwise. So it was spiritually wrong for both his brother and sister to have talked ill of him under any circumstance. If they needed an explanation from him on the supposed transgression of the Laws which he was the mediator that was a different matter entirely. Perhaps we need to examine the details of their being wrong. First, they didn't know how Moses came about the woman. All they saw was that he was married to a Cushite woman who was an Ethiopian. If he was married to her, there was no way he could have done this without their knowing as well as some of the elders of the congregation. Two, they went ahead to question his calling by asserting that God also spoke through them and not only through Moses their brother. Secondly, they didn't give him an opportunity to respond, but just condemned him outright. Perhaps more importantly, since they asserted that God also talked through them and to them as well, the greatest mistake they made was not first asking God why Moses would marry a stranger and a non-Jew and to know if God gave him the go ahead. Now where do you and I come in? Never ever query your spiritual superior conservative as this may seem. God is the Lord of conservatism. He does not change. Rather wait on the Lord. Even when they are overtly wrong, condemn them not but seek audience with them if God will allow you on same. You will not be doomed in Jesus Mighty name, amen.

PRAY you will not hide under jealousy to transgress His anointed

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 4-6; John 10:24-42

MAY 29TH RERPENTANCE ACCEPTED EVEN AFTER JUDGMENT

READ Numbers 12:11 "And Aaron said to Moses, Oh, my lord, I plead with you, lay not this sin upon us in which we have done foolishly and in which we have sinned."

Repentance I would say is accepted any time under certain condition. Ordinarily, it is good to have repented before God's judgment. But even when He has judged us, He would not disregard your true repentance any day. His judgment may continue though, but He would never disregard your true repentance. This is what was played out here. Although Aaron and Miriam never saw Moses as their lord when condemning him, but when God's judgment came upon

Miriam, Aaron was awoken to his spiritual senses as he begged Moses for pardon. You may argue that the pardon was late and almost of no result. But do you know what God intended to do with Aaron himself had he not apologized to Moses his lord on behalf of the sinning duo? And do you know whether it was God's intention for Miriam's leprosy to be permanent? There is no way you would say this was what would have happened. All I know is that God accepted the repentance of Aaron and that of Miriam his sister done on her behalf for when Moses called on the Lord to heal her sister, God retorted that even the cry of Amram their father would not stop her from being leprous for seven good days. We conclude that repentance is acceptable any day although it could be more effective if timely done.

PRAY you will always be timely in your religious acts

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 7-9; John 11:1-29

MAY 30TH HEAL HER NOW O GOD; HEAL HER NOW!

READ Numbers 12:13 "And Moses cried to the Lord, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech You!"

Certain divine deductions need be made from this Scriptural piece. One is that Moses unlike many of us was not vindictive. Despite the insult he had received from his big siblings, he still was moved by the plea of his elder brother. Secondly, we see Moses recognizing his position as a mere servant of the Lord God whom He was using. Thus, he knew quite well that authority was with the Lord. He was only being used by Him and would only do what He had purposed him to do. Thirdly, we see that even if we cry unto the Lord He God reserves the right to hearken or not and in whatever manner He chooses. God is never under obligation to do what we pray. What is more, we are to plead with Him as we table out pleas to Him and patiently but submissively wait on Him to answer us. Over and above this, what makes you out of this event that started uncomfortably but ended in comfort? We learn so many things. One is that age and aging has no relevance to the Lord's chosen. He determines who He uses when and how. Secondly, we are to always reverent God's chosen as if God Himself such that we should not stumble on His anointing. Lastly it is good to seek God's delight through His chosen. This is the essence of prayer and praying anyway. Remain blessed. AMEN.

PRAY you are learned in His Way

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 10-12; John 11:30-57

MAY 31ST GIVING THANKS UNTO THE LORD AMONG THE PEOPLES

READ Psalm 105:1 "O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make known His doings among the peoples!"

Severally in this series I have been led by God the Holy Spirit to minister on the ever needful responsibility of ours to praise the Lord. But how can we make known His deeds unto the

peoples? My emphasis is on the word peoples. As you know this refers to peoples of at least two nations. Thank God for technology and the use of social media. This has softened our mode of reaching out; for the focus of this verse is reaching out to all and not limiting our testimonies to our locality. There are ways of doing this whether personally or congregationally. The Face book, twitters, the Utube and other media are there for us to express ourselves as we highlight the workings of God in our lives. Congregationally we can go on life streaming of our events particularly those that magnify His goodness in our lives if we have not been that blessed to go on air and even then, they could complement. Writing books and tracts, and other papers and attending conferences where His glory is magnified here and there are some of the ways we can make known His deeds to all peoples. Those of us who are privileged to travel out of the country, sharing His wonders with passengers no matter how little goes a long way. I was in a flight that had long been delayed for over twenty four hours. From Morocco we had to go to London. There and then I chatted with this couple who were looking for the fruit of the womb. I encouraged them to make love in the delay. To the glory of God, nine months after that they invited me to minister in the christening of their baby girl. Glory is God in the highest heavens alleluia.

PRAY are this blessed in proclaiming Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 13-14; John 12:1-26

JUNE 1ST SINGING PRAISES TO THE MOST HIGH GOD ALWAYS

READ Psalm 105:2 "Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; meditate on and talk of all His marvelous deeds and devoutly praise them."

We give God all the glory that His name and naming commands. There is nothing done for God that is much or too much knowing that He alone is God in heaven and God on earth; even to the nether part of the earth, He is Lord and God. We have had the grace to talk variously about the need to praise our God here on earth; not just in our congregations or in our offices or even in our home. But we are talking of the truth of making praising God a habit which will inevitably become a character such that in everything, praising Him is the vogue whether or not we even understand why we are doing it. Two points need be stressed here however. One is we just don't have to praise Him in the word genre. We must also sing His praises. We must commute them to songs which we sing regularly and which we dance to. Being melodious, we achieve two things at least in one. While praising Him, we are also worshipping Him through our songs and singings. Note that when the prophet Elisha was angry with the son of King Ahab who was also a king, he was temporarily detached from the Holy Spirit as he spoke in anger. To get back on course, he had to summon a chorister to sing him God's praises. This automatically brought him before His throne. I have severally experienced this much. In my own case singing His praises any day sends me before His throne of Grace and I receive revelation. If I am ministering His Word by way of sermoning, any attempt to sing will through me out of that medium into spiritual frenzy. Secondly, we are also to extol all His wondrous deeds in our own lives and not

just what we have in Scriptures. This reinvigorates our faith and belief in Him and we are strengthened. Accordingly, He blesses us the more. Try this today and have your testimonies thereafter.

PRAY you will also cultivate the culture of singing His praises

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 15-16; John 12:27-50

JUNE 2ND REMEMBERING HIS PROMISES

READ Psalm 105:11 "Saying, Unto you will I give the land of Canaan as your measured portion, possession, and inheritance."

It is our responsibility to remember God's promises for us. Apart from those in Scripture which are there for general comprehension and understanding of His Way, there are specific and unique promises of God for every individual. It is our responsibility to know this, remind Him of this not as if He has forgotten or would ever forget, but for our own elevation an d rumination of His plans for us. There are instances in the life of the believer when it will appear His promises for one is outdated or delayed to put it mildly. I have been there many times and in all probabilities will still be there severally. That is His Way and we have to come to terms with same. Israel was to be in Egypt for only 400 years. Yet she was there for 430 years even then with prayer to put her in remembrance. In Babylon, they were to be captives for 70 years. Yet, Daniel and his colleagues had to pray Him into remembrance that the time was up. Elijah the prophet had just prophesied to King Ahab there would be rain in abundance. Yet he had to mount up on high to pray the rain down. So what are you doing to remind yourself of the faithfulness of the Lord God for that is what reminding Him of His promises amount to! I want you to be assured that not one promise of God will miss you if you remain steadfast in Him. Delays, yes! But never not being fulfilled. Daniel you know had his prayers answered the very first day of his supplications. Yet, it took another twenty one days for the manifestation of its fulfillment. Our God is the Covenant Keeper. So trust in Him.

PRAY you are this blessed in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 17-18; John 13:1-20

JUNE 3RD SEEING HIM IN YOUR JOURNEYING

READ Psalm 105:13 "When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people."

Another thing we should know about God's promises are that they represent the end point of where God is taking us. Usually He would not tell us the details of the challenges we would encounter before ensuring His manifestation. And here comes in faith and faithing in Him. Israel was assured of getting into the Promised Land as ordained. But no one not even Moses knew the enormity of the challenges facing them. Is it the Sea of Reeds challenge or the many dry

grounds that were devoid of water or the constant war-faring they had to contend with? Did they ever know that all who left Egypt would perish for unbelief? Don't tell me God was not in the know of all of these; otherwise He wouldn't be Lord God. No, He wouldn't have predicted to Abram then that his seed would be slaves in foreign land for 400 years and that in their fourth generation they would be freed only for the nation to be punished by Him. Go through Deuteronomy 32 and see the All-Knowing-God predicting the rebellion of Israel in various forms and specifying the exact punishments in details. When you journey in life even in the Grace of Jesus Christ, always remember His promises for you in specific terms, the summary of which is God has the best plans for every individual. He never fails. I am talking to you from personal experiences largely. Praise the Lord God Almighty. Alleluia.

PRAY you are reminded of His wondrous deed always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 19-20; John 13:21-38

JUNE 4TH WHY HE WOULD PROTECT YOU ALWAYS

READ Psalm 105:14 "He allowed no man to do them wrong; in fact, He reproved kings for their sake."

Many of us do not realize that for the larger period of Israel's wilderness wondering, during which time He fed them with manna and gave them the pillars of cloud and light, they were under His punishment. Yet, He fed them. Yet He protected them. Yet, He kept His covenant with them. Yet, He preserved them. Yet, He brought His Words into fulfillment. Even then in their rebellion and in His anger against them, He still called them His anointed and His prophets. One implication of all these was that regardless of your rebellion against God, even if He has to kill you for your transgressions against Him, He would still not give you over to the enemy. His pavilion over you is ever sure and assured. Hence, He allowed no man and no nation to do them wrong. He was the only Person and authority Who could and Who indeed disciplined them; for if He had allowed the enemy to punish them, the enemy would have done more than required. My biological father who transited to the beyond a decade ago or so always sang this song the summary of which is he had a Father in Jesus Who did not scold him; consequently; witches and wizards never dare same. I want to add that even Satan their father never dare attempt so to do. You will recall that to afflict Job he had to seek and obtain God's permission and the limit of his affliction. This is our God for you. Once you are truly born again, you are forever His anointed and His prophet. He would never give up on you. You are this blessed. Amen.

PRAY you are into His protective care and pavilion

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 21-22; John 14

JUNE 5TH WHY YOU WILL REAP WHERE YOU DID NOT SOW

READ Psalm 105:44 "And gave them the lands of the nations [of Canaan], and they reaped the fruits of those peoples' labor."

It is His promise that we will reap where we did not sow and drink from the waters of the wells we never dug. No one can question or query Him on this. He is above all laws and rules. He is rule and laws unto Himself as it is His will that is done here on earth as it is in the heavens. God is fantastically righteous in all His ways. He has to let you reap where you did not sow because He has blessed you so with such that the wealth of the unrighteous shall ultimately come to you. Doesn't He own the entire universe? Can't He do as He wishes with His possessions? He has promised and no one can change it. You have to realize that what is called the possession of the heathen here and there were originally His. He gave them out to them. We may not know the entire condition of the contract. But one thing is sure-and this is He gave them out at His own pleasure. He can at the same pleasure do otherwise if and when He thinks His possession is not being used as He had ordered. This same position He took when Israel itself defiled the land where they were taken by refusing to observe the Sabbath as well as the Jubilee. Thus, our God will give you whatever He wants. It is for this same reason here expounded that He allowed King David a man after His heart to take over the wife of Uriah his erstwhile captain after killing him in a stage managed slaughter. Hasn't He said He would be gracious to whoever He would be gracious and be merciful to whoever He would be merciful? You had better come into His favor today and suffer no more. Amen.

PRAY He delights in you tremendously

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 23-24; John 15

JUNE 6TH KNOWING WHY HE HAS BLESSED YOU

READ PSALM 105:45 "That they might observe His statutes and keep His laws [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them]. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)"

God, our Lord God never does anything without a cause or reason for doing it whether or not we comprehend same. He created us in the first instance that we might take dominion on His behalf and be the earthly representative and leader of His purposive will. In the same vein, He blesses us so that we may not be handicapped with regards to the necessary tools of operation. In specific terms, God will bless you to use His blessings really in furtherance of His delegated responsibilities to you. If well utilized, the sky then is the limit for the person or persons or even nations. A lot of His parables like the unjust steward; the parable of the talents, and a host of others to mention a few are indicative of this. Precisely, God gave Solomon the King unparalled wisdom and knowledge plus riches for the sake of governing His own people. His father, the righteous King David was blessed with military prowess to expand the landed areas of the Promised Land which until then had not been fully acquired. Samson after him was singularly blessed with raw strength for the freedom of the people of the Lord in the hands of their captors the Philistine. Of course, there is no sin in using God's blessings to benefit the self for this is the right thing to do. But to be ego centered as to overlook the greater good of His blessings is to say the least being unrighteous. Let us recall to mind His primary reasons for blessing us in all respects. Amen.

PRAY you will be judicious in your use of His blessing

HIS BLOOD HIS FLSEH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles25-27; John 16

JUNE 7TH ACKNOWLEDGING THE EVER FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

READ Psalm 106:1 "PRAISE THE Lord! (Hallelujah!) O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever!"

By now you would have realized that there is no end to our discussions on ever praising the Lord God. But today another proviso is added. This is the truth and fact that we need to continually praise Him for He is good, which we have examined in some details not too long ago and more that this His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever. Put another way, the love of God for all His creatures is everlasting as there is no end to same; whether animate or inanimate, whether man or beast, God forever loves us all. Even when He scolds us it is out of His goodness and concern for us. Take for example the issue of pain; one reason why we cannot continue to cut our bodies with blades or knives is the sensibility of pain. The pain we feel constrains us to drop the dastard act. Another goodness of God is in the issue of our death. It is most easy for God to tell us before hand the day we would die right from our birth. But the pains of leaving our beloved and the trauma of counting days will prevent us from enjoying the present. So out of His love for us, He keeps this away from us. The truth is everything God does is good. Our problem is we are not at all at the least level of understanding Him if there is anything of such. As a result, we cannot fathom His goodness. Can you imagine what our state will be but for His death upon us all? If He had allowed Adam to eat the fruit of the tree of life by not sending him away; if He had allowed him to remain on earth in his fallen state, I am sure we all would have begged for death. Praise the Lord for His ever goodness whether or not I realize same. Alleluia.

PRAY you are this enabled

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 28-29; John 17

JUNE 8TH REALISING OUR INABILITY TO PRAISE HIM ENOUGH

READ Psalm 106:2 "Who can put into words and tell the mighty deed of the Lord? Or who can show forth all the praise [that is due Him?]"

We have to come to terms with the truth of God, we are man of flesh and blood while our Lord and God is Who He is –God, He is the Spirit from Whom all spirit beings take their source. As a result, we are grossly inhibited in ever fully comprehending Him or ever appreciating Him while in this flesh. The Bible says right now, we have a shadow of His Being. This means in part that all our revelations; all our enablement; all our prophecies and the likes are at best shadow of the reality the same Who is His fulfillment. As a result, I can never praise Him enough. I know not much about Him. Even the few I know of Him are those He has revealed of Himself in Scripture. As a result, I have to admit of my frailty and adequately make up for same by faithing in Him as much as I am given the grace. Praising God can never be enough not to talk of its ever being too

much. If all the hairs on our heads were to be human tongues and we all join them together in singing His praises, they will be an offering too small for Him. One thing though, He knows our frame and acknowledges our limitations. After all He made us. Thus, when we make the least attempt to bless Him He accepts all praises from genuine and faithful hearts. So continue to admit your inadequacies as you praise Him. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are mobilized enough to sing His praise always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 30-312; John 18:1-18

JUNE 9TH ASKING GOD TO REMEMBER US IN HIS FAVOR

READ Psalm 106:4 "[Earnestly] remember me, O Lord, when You favor Your people! O visit me also when You deliver them, and grant me Your salvation!"

One undeniable truth of prayer and of divinity is asking God and reminding Him not as if He ever forgets anything though, that He remembers us. There is a hymnal that basically harps on the need for us to pray God to remember us particularly when it comes to divine favor. There are many reasons why God remembers us mankind, and not all of them have to do with His favor. Psalm 9 states that when He makes inquisition for blood, He remembers them. I am of the opinion that God should never remember me when it comes to His meting out divine judgment. But perhaps the greatest prayer of remembrance we can and should always make to the Lord is our being uncompromisingly committed to His righteousness. This means we must first be born again. Then we must abide in His holiness for righteousness; for without holiness it is like tea without sugar or stew without appropriate salt. We must first be born again and then we must work and walk righteousness. We must allow the Holy Spirit to walk Himself in and through us. We must be totally yielded to His leading. Then when we pray, He must hear. When it is time for His blessings to go round He must remember us for our works of righteousness will commend us to Him. So wanting to be remembered in His favorable blessings is abiding faithfully in Him.

PRAY you are remembered by your good works in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 32-334; John 18:19-40

JUNE 10TH WHEN WE WOULD START TO BELIEVE HIS WORD

READ PSALM 106:12 "Then [Israel] believed His words [trusting in, relying on them]; they sang His praise."

In all truth, Israel does not represent a good example of how the people of God should behave to their Redeemer. No. They never in their walk portray Him as worthy of their praises. But each time He punished their recalcitrance, when the punishment became severe; they remembered Him and praised Him. We should never behave this unfaithfully. Every one of us has seen the mighty power of the Lord. We have witnessed His outstretched hands as He has one time or the other subdued our enemies for us even when we do not trust on Him enough. My own

testimony is enough to fill the entire Bible of how He has being a continuous blessing in my life. Those who know me attest to this magnanimity of His Lordship. Born and raised up from a polygamous family whose foundation was fetish; and permitted to roam around wondrously all my youth; socially allowed to be what I wanted which was not healthy for my living; yet He called me; yes. He found me in my dredge and washed me clean. He not only saved me , but went ahead against all reasons to make me His chief servant committing to me the lives of His sheep not minding that I am the worst qualified to be that entrusted. He died for me; He kept me in His grace; He saved me from worthy destruction. He has done all for me and is still doing much for me. What else can I say than to thank Him for my wretchedness? Great is Thy faithfulness O Lord!

PRAY you are this blessed too

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-2 Chronicles 34-36; John 19:1-22

June 11th NEVER EXCHANGE YOUR GLORY FOR ANIMAL IMAGE

READ Psalm 106:20 "Thus they exchanged Him Who was their Glory for the image of an ox that eats grass [they traded their Honor for the image of a calf]!

It is really sad that Israel for whom God did all He willed for her freedom and upon whom He poured His Glory like the waters of the river failed to appreciate His goodness over her life. Not pleased with Him, and not actually realizing His worth over their lives, they sought for themselves vain glory and false hopes by turning down His Glory over their lives and fashioning for themselves the image of the ox and other animals most especially creeping things of the earth over which they had been granted dominion in the first instance in Eden. This was most appalling a thing to do-to cut a wood from a tree trunk; make fire from part of it; fix other things from same; and carve out an image from the tree and thereafter bend down to same bowing as it is and calling same god. This is to say the least most appalling. But today, a great many of us do worst things by worshipping any and all other things apart from the Living God as god and proclaiming same as their own savior. Some worship money; others properties; and yet some worship themselves. But whatever is the case, turning one's Glory in the Lord Jesus Christ the Savior to anything short of Himself is most degrading and portrays the self as most ignorant. Let us all return from this messing around and return to the Lord today.

PRAY you are glorious forever in His Glory

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezra 1-2; John 19:23-42

JUNE 12TH KNOWING THE MEDIATOR STEPPING IN THE BREACH

READ Psalm 106:23 "Therefore He said He would destroy them. [And He would have done so] had not Moses, His chosen one, stepped into the breach before Him to turn away His threatening wrath."

Our focus today is to know the powers God has given to our leaders who in this context I classify as mediators. Thank God I am not the writer of the Scripture for I am most unworthy of being one. I am like I always truly confess the worst of sinners. Minus His grace, I am long dead in sin. But the truth of God Almighty is that the position of our pastors by whatever nomenclature is such that they can influence God Almighty this way or that way. The reference here was to the time God was so angry with the Israelites in the wilderness that He promised to destroy them outright but for Moses who pleaded with God to remember His covenant with Abraham and the other patriarchs. Besides, Egypt would hear and concluded wrongly that God could not preserve His own people again, so He slew them. This is what we call mediation and intercession. If Moses had not been that godly, he would have accepted the offer from God to elevate his own seed to replace the Israelites. In like manner, your ministers and ministering leaders have a lot of grace to show over your life. Let me quickly tell you something. While defending my Master's of Arts in English as a Second Language thesis, the external examiner raised a point which I had complained about to my supervisor but which he insisted was right. But as soon as the external examiner pointed out this mistake, my supervisor came in that he asked me to do it that way. And that was the end of the query. This is in the circular world, how much more in the spiritual. So respect your ministering leaders for God's sake. Amen.

PRAY you will understand the accompaniments of salvation and labor not in vain

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezra 3-5; John 20

JUNE 13TH NOT PROVOKING YOUR MINISTRING LEADER

READ Psalm 106:33 "For thy provoked [Moses'] spirit, so that he spoke unadvisedly with his lips."

Provocation is defined as unplanned anger or action. In other words it is a spontaneous action or response. By way of refreshening, the Israelites again talked against Moses for only God knows how many times- that he had brought them out to die in the wilderness and that it would have been better for them to have died in Egypt. They were asking for water forgetting the many instances God had given them water to drink in the wilderness. In anger, Moses called them rebels which God never instructed him to do. He actually acted solo as I would always say. And in anger forgot that he was only to point his rod to the Rock that was accompanying them; never knowing that the Rock was actually the Rock of Ages. Thus he hit Jesus Christ the shadow of Whom he actually was on the head. God would not forgive this lapse on his part. God reasoned that he failed to honor Him before the throng of the people. We must be advised truly that the fall of our leaders is the fall of the entire followership. Moses died in the plains of Moab without entering the Promised Land, just as all else died except Caleb and Joshua. As a matter of truth, we need to pray to uphold our leaders. The work of God thrusted on their shoulders is enormous. They require the grace of God to do it worthily not to talk of our own acts of provocation. It is in our own interest to cooperate meaningfully with our leaders. Remain blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY you are not a stumbling block in His Way

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezra 6-8; John 21

JUNE 14TH NOT BEING DEFILED IN ANY WAY

READ Psalm 106:39 "Thus were they defiled by their own works, and they played the harlot and practiced idolatry with their own deeds [of idolatrous rites]."

Perhaps we should have titled this piece not playing the harlot. If we consider verse 38, we see a lot of ways by which the Israelites for whom God punished the Egyptians mightily defiled themselves. To defile oneself is to pollute by acting unrighteous. Israel was the master of self pollution through unbelief. They had all they wanted on a gold piece. They were given the oracles of the Lord and in the flesh the Savior Jesus was to come through the line of David. Yet, they messed up the grace of God upon their lives. They sacrificed to self and manmade gods of stones and woods. They burnt their children to Moloch even when God did not ask for human sacrifices. They played the harlot both literally and metaphorically. They worshipped many gods which they never knew in their history, and what was more, they were persistently disobedient to His Word. They found it easier to follow and reverence strange gods. And quite often the Lord spoke to them to come out of their evil ways but they would not hearken to Him. Eventually He had to give up on them. The relevance today is not in just knowing this story important as this is. Over and above this, we are to learn from same and ensure we do not pollute ourselves today as there are many instruments of pollution now that were never known then. We should not worship our God given pleasures and appliances. We should find time to ruminate on Scripture and effectively put same in our being. In all we should live most righteous now as we have so many avenues by which we can and should learn His Word. You are blessed in this amen.

PRAY you are made ready for the Lord Most High

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezra 9-10; Acts of the Apostles 1

JUNE 15TH KNOWING OUR EVER MERCIFUL LORD GOD

READ Psalm 106:46 "He also caused [Israel] to find sympathy among those who had carried them away."

Mercifulness forms one major difference between God and Satan. It is not as if there is a basis of comparison between both. Yet we need to highlight some salient points in the characteristics of God in comparison to that of Satan. When God punishes, He is ever merciful at the same time. I want to believe there is nothing God does that is devoid of mercifulness. Otherwise there would be nothing in the earth. Mercifulness is a form of pardon even though it exists in degrees. God will never punish without making known His mercy and compassion at the same time. Here we see Israel justifiably going into captivity as promised and prophesied by God through His many prophets across generations. Yet, even in their punishment, He showed them mercy repeatedly as He allowed the captors to be kind-hearted towards them. This is the focus of today's

ministerial verse. Not just allowing their captors to be merciful on them, but He Himself had first shown them unimaginable mercy and compassion. He continued to feed them with the heavenly food for the period of their incarceration in the wilderness. He retained His Pillars of Cloud and Light for them for the entire period. He continued to see them as His anointed and forbade any to harm them. Indeed, He rebuked kings for their sake and saw them successfully to the Promised Land. That is the kind of God and Lord we are talking about and pleading with you to accept into your life and stick to Him thereafter. He is ever merciful. Amen.

PRAY you are knowledgeable in His Way

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 1-3; Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

JUNE 16TH DELIVER US GOD TO GIVE GLORY TO YOUR NAME ALWAYS

READ Psalm `106:47 "Deliver us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in praising You."

Another aspect of the faithfulness of our God and our Lord is His ever present-help in listening to our prayers any time particularly when after suffering punishment for our sins we turn to Him for deliverance. Here it is most explicated. In the prayers of King Solomon while dedicating the Temple named after him, he urged God after His promise in Deuteronomy that if after being in captivity His people would call on Him from their place of incarceration, He would hear in heaven and heal them of their sinfulness that had occasioned the captivity. This is the focus of today's text. The lesson is that in whatever state we are, like the prodigal child, any time our minds return to the Lord meaningfully and truthfully, we should go straight to Him in penitence and He will hear our prayer and heal our sinfulness through the Blood of His Son Jesus the Nazarene and we would be healed. There is no doubt about this. The Blood of His Son Jesus Christ cleanses us all from any and every sin once we acknowledge our sin and penitently come before Him. Be this informed today, amen.

PRAY you take full advantage of His mercifulness

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 4-6; Acts of the Apostles 2: 22-47

JUNE 17TH BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD OF THE AGES

READ Psalm 106:48 "Blessed (affectionately and gratefully praised) be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, Amen! Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)"

All said and done, the conclusion of the whole matter is that blessed be the Lord God of all ages whether or not we bless Him or even acknowledge His blessedness. He is blessed and is the sole Source of all and any blessing in the universe. There is no controversy about this. In talking about the irreversibility of His blessing, one incident comes to mind immediately. Balaam you know wanted to curse a people God had already blessed using his God given grace of bringing to

pass all he desired. God told him the people of Israel against whom he had pitched himself were and are still blessed by His purposive will. He would not listen but worked hard for the gains of his hirelings. God proved Himself in his life by turning the same gift of saying in accomplishment in favor of the people he was positioned against. In the same vein, if He could do that for His people, how much more for Himself! In the universe, God is the only One Who is beyond accountability; no; not even unto Himself as He alone is the Law which the whole universe worships. It is in our own interest to acknowledge Him as such and reverentially worship and bless Him as we sing His praises all the time. Remain blessed in His Grace, alleluia, amen.

PRAY you are this knowledgeable and bless Him perpetually

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 7-9; Acts of the Apostles 3

JUNE 18TH BEING ABLE TO BE TALKED TO AS A SPIRITUAL PERSON

READ 1 Corinthians 3:1 "HOWEVER, BRETHREN, I could not talk to you as to spiritual [men], but as to nonspiritual [men of the flesh, in whom the carnal nature predominates], as to mere infants [in the new life] in Christ [unable to talk yet!]."

It is one thing to be truly born again. It is another matter and the more important of the two really to come in to maturity in the Spirit. Just as in the physical, Spiritual maturity varies from one person to the other and from congregation to another. And just also as one can never outgrow one's social environment, one cannot really outgrow one's spiritual exposure. This said and done, there is another issue to spiritual growth as here noted. Even if all the materials needed for maximum growth were provided and everyone exposed to same uniformly, there will still be variation in growth based on enablement and readiness to learn by the individual. Whatever the situation, the truth is it is difficult to discuss meaningfully with spiritually immature Christians in that they are still largely carnal. The apostle Paul here classifies such as mere infants who still suck and drink spiritual milk. They are only better than the dead in the spirit, but are of little value to themselves. The point is therefore being made-all must endeavor to grow spiritually as necessary seeking and using all spiritual materials available in the kitty. It is about the worst thing in Christendom for one to be saved truly yet immature in matters of spirituality. So how well are you doing in matters of spirituality?

PRAY you are the best grown person in your spiritual field

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 10-11; Acts of the Apostles 4:1-22

JUNE 19TH WHAT IS APOLLOS; WHAT IS PAUL AND WHAT IS YOUR PASTOR OR MENTOR?

READ 1 Corinthians 3:5 "What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Ministering servants [not heads of parties] through whom you believed, even as the Lord appointed to each his task."

Let me emphasis from the beginning that there is no mistake in the titling of this piece- what is Apollos and what is Paul is truly intended. To answer the question, you need to go to Isaiah

40:6-8 where the true nature of mankind is given as grass and flower that withers and is thrown away never more to be relevant. In the same vein are the very apostles of old notably the very apostle Paul as here elucidated and the very Apollos very relevant. They are not even worthy of being classified as persons in the overall ministration of the Lord. Hence they are referred to by the very apostle Paul himself as things-and things truly we are. In the prophecy of Jeremiah, we are classified as worms in His sight. Thus, it is God Almighty Himself Who is working in every believer the world over, both now, past and in the future just as He was in Christ Jesus when He pilgrimaged the earth. As a result it is bad and most sad for adherents to invite people to come and meet their pastors or ministers to have their problems solved. I ask you, can any minister do anything on his own? Was Jesus Christ our Savior able to do anything short of what the Father, His Father had accomplished in Him? So why compare ministers of God with the aim of rating one higher than the other? Who are you and who am I to do this foolish thing? To God alone belongs the Glory both now and forever more, amen.

PRAY you will venerate only the Lord God in Christ

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nehemiah 12-13; Acts of the Apostles 4:23-37

JUNE 20TH ONLY GOD GIVES THE INCREASE

READ 1 Corinthians 3:5 "I planted, Apollos watered, but God [all the while] was making it grow and [He] gave the increase."

I should know what this portion of Scripture means because I have been pointedly been ministered to by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself about a decade ago and right in the United Kingdom if I am not mistaken during one of my visits therein. Any who knows me will attest to my commitment to any and all things I am doing whether in the circular world or in the spiritual. When it comes to the spiritual I can work myself dead except that such wastefulness does not profit the work of God Almighty. By implication I have worked myself hoarse in the ministry doing all things I know and I am sure will better His propagation through me. But fortunately, nothing is coming up positively through this means so that I may glory not in anything if it were even possible so to do. I wasn't shocked a little when God told me I have planted and even watered but He until that time had withheld the increase. To put it mildly, I was shocked. More so when He did not then say He was releasing the increase. So God can and does withhold increase in any and all things including His House. Yes, He does. Didn't He withhold the increase from King David when He held his hands from building Him a house? So where is the ground for glorification for any minister of God? None really as only God is to be glorified. Alleluia, amen.

PRAY you are worthy of nothing before your Maker

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Esther 1-2; Acts of the Apostles 5:22-42

JUNE 21ST JESUS THE FOUNDATION OF LIFE

READ 1 Corinthians 3:11 "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is [already] laid, which is Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)."

The truth must be told; there is no other Foundation anywhere in the universe for there is no other name given to us under the sun and even above the sun by which we will be saved except Jesus Christ the Messiah. Even before the foundation of the earth has God ordained that mankind and indeed the entire universe be saved through the substituted and vicarious sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. At the fullness of time, God sent His Son in the image of the fallen man and made Him sin for the whole world. There can be no other foundation as there can be no other sacrifice acceptable to the Lord God of the heavens. Accordingly, whatever is given for any man to accomplish in the ministry of Jesus Christ, it must be understood that he or she is a servant and not the root from which all leaves and stems are nourished. We are men and workers of the Lord Jesus Who alone paid the supreme price for our redemption. That is the reason why we pray and receive answers in the Mighty and powerful name of Jesus Christ the Savior. He is the only Corner Stone of the Building that can never be ignored. He is the Alpha and Omega the Beginning and End of all things in the world, the heavenly and even in the nether parts of the earth. So Glory is His Name now and forever more, amen.

PRAY you will only build on the Foundation Who is Christ Jesus

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Esther 3-5; Acts of the Apostles 5:22-42

JUNE 22ND SAVED TO WORK IN HIS VINEYARD

READ 1 Corinthians 3:13 "The work of each [one] will become [plainly, openly] known (shown for what it is); for the day [of Christ] will disclose and declare it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test and critically appraise the character and worth of the work each person has done."

There are certain operative words in this Scriptural verse that I want to isolate in our analysis today. First is *disclose;* followed by *revealed;* and lastly *appraise* all in the context *of plainly known in the day of Christ*. So what is the essence of isolating these words in the entire verse? The first thing to note is that we are all saved to work His work of Righteousness in our walk of righteousness in His Vineyard the same that is first this earth and next the commonwealth of the faithful. We are not saved for fun. We are saved to work more works of righteousness as we bring in more lost souls into the fold as we are saved. It is for this reason that we are enabled variously after coming into the Faith. What we do and achieve in His name, and what we fail to do for whatever reason that is not known to anybody now for whatever reason would eventually be revealed and made public as the Holy Ghost fire would expose and make known plainly whatsoever each of us has been busy doing in this body. God knows I am aware of this much before today. But I would confess to you all reading me now that I was challenged by this revelation in that my training as a linguist by accident opens my eyes to the impact of the entire verse in the context of the highlighted words and expressions. So what are you doing now that you can still make amends and improve your portion of His righteousness? What am I doing to

work more works of His righteousness in His power? This is the challenge posed for all of us today. May we all be blessed affectionately in Him, amen.

PRAY you are this blessed

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YUOU TODAY-Esther 6-8; Acts of the Apostles 6

JUNE 23RD NOT CORRUPTING GOD'S TEMPLE-OUR BODY

READ 1 Corinthians 3:17 "If anyone does hurt to God's temple or corrupts it [with false doctrines] or destroys it, God will do hurt to him and bring him to the corruption of death and destroy him. For the temple of God is holy (sacred to Him) and that [temple] you [the believing church and its individual believers] are."

First and foremost today, we have to remind ourselves that the most important Temple of God on earth is not that built by human hands but that which He alone builds-the temple of our bodies. Therein God the Holy Spirit dwells in all true believers. So not corrupting it is the same as not polluting our bodies through doing things sacrilegious to the Faith bought by the Precious blood of the Lamb. Of course once the bodily Temple of God in us is corrupted, no doubt the physical temple that we worship will logically be corrupted. Indeed, there will be more corruption in it because of the accumulation of sacrileges brought it by corrupting members. Here however, we are given an eye opener because the issue of wrong doctrines is mentioned. This is the point I want to emphasize as it is the main thing that will usher in the corruption of the bodily temple by death. This means that from wrong doctrines alone, we can be un-christained as we eventually do things anathema to the Faith. So what constitutes right doctrines as opposed to the wrong ones? The apostle Paul mentions one which is the belief that the resurrection has come already. They are many really, the most common in our time being once saved is always saved regardless of whether we abide in the Faith or not. Ask the proponents of this if Judas Iscariot is in heaven today and if he was never saved and anointed as well. God saves us from this malady of heretical sayings amen!

PRAY you will truly abide in His Faith to the end

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Esther 9-10; Acts of the Apostles 7:1-21

JUNE 24TH KNOWING THAT YOU ARE CHRIST'S AND CHRIST GOD'S

READ 1 Corinthians 3:23 "And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's."

Many of us think quite wrongly that Christ is the end of our Faith. In the context I am talking, this is totally wrong. For Christ Himself states emphatically all throughout His sojourn here that He must do what His Father has commissioned Him to do as doing otherwise is satanic. He maintained that His Father is greater than Himself. Remember that He was partly killed for claiming to be the Son of God. If He was and still the Son of God, God must be more than Him at least in the same manner a father of today is more than his son or daughter. But apart from this,

all the glory that God gives to Jesus is given for Him as the representative of the Father. Hence in Philippians 2:11 it is said that all tongues to confess that Jesus is the Lord to the Glory of the Father. In the same token when the Son would have conquered the universe as its Ruler after the Millennium, He would hand over the reign to His Father as seen in 1 Corinthians 15:29 that God may be all in all. To this extent alone, Christ Jesus is God's. Since we are saved only in the name and by the Grace of the Son, we are also the Son's. Therefore as the Son is the Heir of the Father, we as believers are heirs of the Son and co-Heirs with Him of the Father. It is important to know this much as knowing this automatically informs us of the workings of the Trinity.

PRAY you are this blessed in knowledge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 1-2; Acts of the Apostles 7:22-43

JUNE 25TH LEARNING NOT TO COMMEND THE SELF AGAIN

READ 2 Corinthians 3:1 "ARE WE starting to commend ourselves again? Or we do not, like some [false teachers], need written credentials or letters of recommendation to you or from you, [do we]?"

Under normal circumstances no one needs commend himself or herself particularly in Christendom. It is simply put pride. But there are instances that self commendation is not only good and righteous but necessary. In Proverbs 8:22ff, this was what Jesus Christ under the guise of Wisdom does for the truth to be revealed. Even when He was in the human flesh and His Deity was being denied, He told all in an unmistaken form that He and His Daddy were and are still equal; thus attesting to His co-equal; co-eternal; and co-glorious with the Father. In the same way, the apostle Paul had to note that as Christians, the Corinthian saints might have ten thousand teachers, but only one father who was him. He had to make this proclamation. The point I am making is there are instances when it becomes unrighteous not to glory in what the Lord has accomplished through one. It is necessary I quote one of the many instances of the apostle Paul as here given: "*For I am the least [worthy] of the apostles, who am not fit or deserving to be called an apostle, because I once wronged and pursued and molested the church of God [oppressing it with cruelty and violence]. But by the grace (the unmerited favor and blessing) of God I am what I am, and His grace towards me was not [found to be] for nothing (fruitless and without effect). In fact, I worked harder than all of them [the apostles], though it was not really I, but the grace (the unmerited favor and blessing) of God which was with me."-1 Corinthians 125:9-10.*The point I want to make is that there are instances when those who didn't labor want to claim the honor belonging to the head laborer. In such instances it is not only unrighteous not to proclaim what God has done through one but it is satanic and criminal not to do. Except for this God Who works in us knows what He has achieved through all. You are blessed if you know this much.

PRAY you are not a victim of organized falsehood any time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 3-4; Acts of the Apostles 7:44-60

JUNE 26TH WHEN YOU ARE THE LETTERS OF CREDENTIAL

RESD 2 Corinthians 3:2 "[No] you yourselves are our letter of recommendation (our credentials), written in your hearts, to be known (perceived, recognized) and read by everybody."

Another way of seeing today's text is to realize that what we write of ourselves is of little regard in the context of what our lives and living say of us. In the context it is being explored here, the apostle Paul is saying emphatically that he needs no letter of introduction or commendation to the church at Corinth for he has been used by God to disciple them and the good work the Lord God has accomplished through him speaks for itself. This is a worthy testimony which no one could deny. People could and would gather to run you down at one time or then other; they would try as much as they can to upturn your good records for one reason or the other; and even when they seem to be winning it is only for a short while as the truth will surface in a matter of time. All those who killed the Lord on the false accusation of being a heretic now know better from the heavenly wherever they may be. Also all the brethren of Joseph who behaved irreverently to their brother had themselves to blame when the truth surfaced. It was not as much of writing testimonials as much as the works each person has done testifying to his or her goodness or otherwise at the fullness of time. Praise the Lord God Almighty.

PRAY you are most blessed in His good works

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 5-7; Acts of the Apostles 8:1-25

JUNE 27TH KNOWING AND REALIZING THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT

RESD 2 Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (emancipation from bondage, freedom)."

The point of focus today is in the predeterminer *the* or what ordinary and unlettered in the English Language would call the article *the.* Whatever is your classification of this, the point is we are talking of God and the only Spirit from Who all that is ever spiritual and would ever be in ages past, present and in eternity future would evolve. He is the Powerhouse from Who all others derive their powers at His own pleasure. In this He is to be distinguished from all other spirit beings wherever they may be grounded. What I am trying to put across to you today in His power is the truth that God is our Source and our Supply. He is our Sustainer and our All. As a result, we should all faith and hope in Him by so doing. There is no cause for fear and or alarm of any kind. He is there as no other person could possibly do and more than anything else, He is forever faithful even in our own unfaithfulness. Glory is His name forever and ever amen. Another feature of our position and proposition is the truth that where God the Spirit reigns, there is absolute liberty to be who and what God has purposed one to be in His Grace. The only limit in this circumstance is the timing and placement of our being. In consequence of this truth and its abiding implication, I am who and what I am by His Grace and there is no revoking of same by any person whoever. Remain blessed in His power forever more, amen.

PRAY you are in the Lord as much as He is into you always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 8-10; Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40

JUNE 28TH BEING CONSTANTLY TRANSFORMED FROM GLORY TO GLORY

READ 2 Corinthians 3:18 "And all of us with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit."

The beauty and joy of Christianity is the endless transformation that we are beseeched with. From the time we first met with the Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit to the time we are empowered and thenceforth to our emboldenment in Him the same that sees us coming into maturity, it is one transformation to another all in the aim of perfecting our making His complete image. You will recall that the apostle Peter was a bloody fisherman as crude as his tools and worn down with age. Yet, he was first transformed into a disciple; then an apostle. Even after the resurrection of the Savior, he needed to be transformed into another level of glory as he was emboldened after receiving the Holy Spirit. Even after healing the cripple and doing many unsurpassed wonders in His name, the Lord was never finished with him as he continued to witness His transformation. One and important one indeed was his transformation to coming into realization that whatsoever the Lord God has cleansed, no man not even the very apostle Peter can call it common or unholy. He learnt this much and was even further transformed when the very apostle Paul in the epistle to the Galatians had to teach him the need to be bold and consistent fearing only the Lord God and not the Jewish brethren. Our Lord also in His earthly sojourn went from glory to Glory the last here being the glorification into much more glory than He was ever given by the Father after His resurrection. So what are you waiting for? Keep growing in His transformation glory. Amen.

PRAY you know all you should and timely too

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 11-13; Acts of the Apostles 9:1-21

JUNE 29TH HAVE YOU BEEN TOLD THIS MUCH?

READ Isaiah 40:28 "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not faint or grow weary; there is no searching of His understanding."

Here we are faced with two powerful and power play questions and questioning regarding whether or not we have known or have refused to know; or whether or not we have heard or refused to hear. For there is a lot of difference between not hearing and not wanting to hear; just as there is a yawning gap between not knowing or refusing to acknowledge knowledge in a particular thing. The point is whether you want to know or not; or whether you want to believe or not, the Almighty, the God of all manmade gods, and the Lord of all Who alone resides in

resplendent Glory never faints. How can He ever so diminish? For fainting is a form of diminishing. Indeed the foreplay to being expired. So the Lord God we serve and proclaim to you in this and other media never faints. There is no weariness the same that is tiredness in Him. Just as I am writing you this morning, I had had my period of fainting in the Faith. When I allowed my senses to take the better part of me for a minute and considered the enormous responsibilities He has placed before me that must be accomplished within days and the ominous absence of funds for same, I fainted in the spirit. But because I have to write and now too, I had to put that aside in His power and focus on His ability to accomplish any and all things He has decreed. I am human, flesh and blood. So I do faint periodically and would expire soonest. But He is beyond expiration as He is Eternity itself. Glory in this truth given to you anew today. Amen.

PRAY you glow in His Glory perpetually

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 14-16; Acts of the Apostles 9:22-43

JUNE 30TH RATHER HE IS THE POWER GIVER TO THE FAINTING

READ Isaiah 40:29 "He gives power to the faint and weary, and to him who has no might He increases strength [causing it to multiply and making it to abound]."

Unlike the dying man that I am; unlike the perishing dust that you and I are; unlike the power seeker and life-sustaining-seeker that we have, He is the Life itself and Himself. Outside of Him is nothing. Even death and Hades exist only by His permission. He creates all by Himself and without any outside interference. He is today as much as He was yesterday and He will be tomorrow and eternity un-end. Great is our God. Rather than seeking anything from anyone, He gives to all creatures of His. Even the two other members of the Trinity though not created but evolved from Him took all Their all from Him. How can such Being faint or be weary? How can He be comprehended fully by any? I am sure even within the Trinity family, God the Father is still an enigma; otherwise they would have searched Him out fully and be all in all with Him. But this is not so. My submission therefore is that we hallow Him and continue to bask in the Glory of our never ever being enable to comprehend Him fully. This is perhaps one secret of His awesomeness. You are blessed today in Him as in every other day of your living in Him amen.

PRAY you know Him enough while here

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 17-19; Acts of the Apostles 10:1-23

JULY 1ST YOUTHFULNESS NO IMMUNITY TO FAINTING

READ Isaiah 40:30 "Even youths shall faint and be weary, and [selected] young men shall feebly stumble and fall exhausted;"

In furtherance of our discussions thus far, we have to realize that in the verse set out before us, youthfulness or fullness of physical, intellectual or even professional energy has no placement at

all. It is according to His Grace. Hence we often refer to Bible quotations such as the race is not to the swift nor bread to the rich or victory to the strong, for time and chance will come into play. In other words, it is not by power or might of the individual. For by the power of the arm shall no man prosper. But it is by the Spirit of the Holy Ghost says the Lord God. The Bible is replete with examples of this. From the slaying of the mighty Goliath by the boyish David with his stones in his catapult to the defeat of the Kings of Canaan by the soldiers of Israel, not to talk of the victory the believer has in the cross of Jesus Christ; the list is endless. Tell me, what sacrifice do the believers make to be so blessed in the vicarious and substitutionary works of the Savior? Yet, we are more than conquerors by His Blood. Or what power has angel Michael to defeat Satan the Morning Star save for the Blood of the Lamb and the words of their testimony? No doubt great is the Lord God of the believers, the Lord God of Israel Who is mighty in power and might. You will also recall that David was the last son of his father who never thought him worthy for education but to shepherd his herds. We can even conjecture he never cared for his life otherwise he would not have sent such a youth on a dangerous errand. Yet God chose David out of all his siblings. Surely the youth will grow weary and be tired, but not those who trust in the Lord God.

PRAY you will not know weariness at all in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 20-21; Acts of the Apostles 10:24-48

JULY 2ND KNOWING THE FULL BENEFIT OF WAITING ON THE LORD GOD

READ Isaiah 40:31 "But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change and renew their strength and power; they shall lift their wings and mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired."

Waiting on the Lord simply put is trusting and hoping on God in faith to see Him do what He has promised even though painfully excruciating to the human flesh. Being born again is a onetime thing or event. But growth in the Lord has another face the same that is waiting on the Lord. Usually, there is no set time for our waiting as He usually keeps this to Himself. But we have to wait almost endlessly until He comes for certainly He would come and never fails so to do. For instance, King Saul was told to wait for seven days. He waited until the seventh day but never waitd enough for the day to be over. So he lost the throne. Abraham patiently waited for 24 years to inherit the promise. Along the way, flesh took its toll. But after waiting and growing through same, he was able to accomplish and he thus became the father of all who will wait patiently. David waited for 13 excruciating years in the wilderness only to have less than ten percent of the promise. Another seven and half years of waiting saw him become king over all the tribes of Israel. The same is true of Joseph who had to wait for the set time for him to be freed of all his challenges and the manifestation of his dreams. Yet, He came and blessed him as promised. Noah waited for 120 years to see the rains fell which was unprecedented in human history. I am presently waiting, not for godo as literature students would say, but for the Lord to

bring into fulfillment all He has promised to do for the ministry He has put under my leadership even before I was born. What is your own challenge now? Wait! Please wait on the Lord. No matter how long it takes you, do wait. There is no other option than this. And I say on the Lord, amen.

PRAY you will master the art of waiting on the Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 22-24; Act of the Apostles 11

JULY 3RD GIVING THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD

READ Psalm 107:1 "O GIVE thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever."

The beauty of this Psalm is to be seen in advancing a divine and spiritual reason for giving thanks to the Lord. This differs significantly to other reasons advanced in previous Psalms considered until now. We are to thank the Lord for His immense mercy and loving-kindness over us all for He is good and forever remains so. Let us consider the natural reasons for His goodness. First He gives us oxygen which we breathe in abundance for free. Consider those who find difficulty in breathing who have to have oxygen fixed to their noses; do you know how much they pay for this temporary respite? If we are all to pay for the air we breathe, you tell me can we all afford same? That is just one instance of His goodness. What about the rain? What can we do without the rain? How will the plants and animals survive? Even us, how will we survive without rain waters? This same goes for the rivers. River waters are what we use for drinking as sea waters are too salty. The sea waters house myriads of sea creatures all of which we use for our food. All of these are there for free without us paying a dime. That is just that. Consider the sun and the heat it generates by which we have daylight and are warm. Some of us do not realize that there is winter in Europe and the America because of the absence of enough heat from the sun. Yet, no one pays for same. We just assume that it is our right. Yes, it is but only in His Grace. That alone is not what we have for free. What of air space by which we navigate our planes just as the water ways afford us to navigate through the seas and oceans? Indeed, the Lord is good and His mercies endure forever over us all amen. Praise the Lord Most High always. Amen.

PRAY you will appreciate the goodness of the Mighty and Holy God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 25-27; Acts of the Apostles 11

JULY 4TH OH THAT MEN WILL PRAISE THE LORD!

READ Psalm 107:8 "Oh, that men would praise [and confess to] the Lord for His goodness and loving-kindness and His wonderful works to the children of men!"

Linguistically, this sentence is exclamatory, meaning it is an expression of surprise which in this context can mean the inability of men to appreciate and praise the Lord. What I am leading to is the truth that men for the reasons expressed yesterday and the myriads we would never ever

be able to explore whether here or there ought to praise God. Our innate nature should be that formed towards doing just this. What of the wisdom He has blessed us with the same that ensures our dominion of the entire world! Consider how massive the elephant is. Yet, man has domiciled same so much that we use the elephant as a means of transport in some civilizations. Consider the fact that man will tie the young elephant with a rope while still young. The young massive mammal after trying unsuccessfully to free himself resigns himself to the fate. When as massive he could uproot the entire tree, he still falsely believes he is still unable to free himself. Consider how massive the whale which can be likened to a sea monster is. Yet, man domiciles it. Or even the ocean itself; by and large man has conquered same for which reason we use it largely to do our bidding. All these are possible because of the brain He has endowed us with. Shouldn't we for this alone praise Him always? We should no doubt. So go and do that from today.

PRAY you will go and bless the Lord God by being a blessing to one of His creatures today

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 28-29; Acts of the Apostles 13:1-25

July 5th APPRECIATING HIM FOR HIS WORD

READ Psalm 107:20 "He sends forth His word and heals them and rescues them from the pit of men!

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. This is the beginning of the Gospel of the apostle John whose purpose was to show the Deity of Christ Jesus our Lord and God. It is this same Word of the Lord God that we want to explore somewhat today. Of a truth, Christ Jesus is the Word that God sent forth then and is still sending forth today in the power of His Holy Ghost to do His Word. But let us consider the text as it literally applies to the context. Variously, God sent His Word through the apostle and prophet Moses in the wilderness to do one thing or the other. Once this is done according to His instruction the Lord responds in His miracles. Consider when Israel was face to face with the Sea of Reeds. He sent His Word and His Word made the Sea to part this way and that way. Or when Israel was at the gate of Jericho, He again sent His Word and the walls of Jericho fell down flat. Where there was no water, His Word sent by Him provided water from the flint of the rock not once and not twice. Jesus Christ used His Word Who was and still is Himself to command Lazarus to come out from the grave after experiencing putrefaction for four days. The same Word is being used today by believers the world over to express His will and command events to happen. Surely the Word of God is the most potent force today. Praise be the Lord God alleluia.

PRAY you are conversant with the Word of God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 30-31; Acts of the Apostles 13:26-52

JULY 6TH SINGING PRAISES TO THE LORD GOD WITH YOUR ALL

READ Psalm 108:1 "O GOD, my heart is fixed (steadfast, in the confidence of faith), I will sing, yes, I will sing praises, even with my glory [all faculties and powers of one created in Your image]!"

The point today is the need to praise God with our all in our totality. We are made of body, soul, and spirit. There is the need to always praise Him in all these parts of ours. More than this, we should praise Him always in and with our all. The Psalter in the last Psalm has noted that let all that has breathe praise the Lord. The truth of life is that all our bodily parts are living. It is possible and it does happen that certain part or parts die off while the other sremain. In this case, this or these parts cannot praise the Lord God of the heavens. I remember when I was very young in Zaria the northern part of Nigeria. In our midweek service, there was this man who had only one arm. Accordingly when the service heated up and he was hysterical sort off, while others were clapping ferociously and praising God, all he could do and which he did regularly was to raise the only one arm up and then urged others symphonically to clap unto the Lord. This he said in the Yoruba native Language. We used to laugh him to scorn as youngsters then, but now I know more on how he felt then. Within the context of our present discussions, I urge us all to –praise the Lord with all our faculties as long as there is life in us and in them. Praise ye the Lord God always.

PRAY you will always praise the Lord most High with your all

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 32-33; Acts of the Apostles 14

JULY 7TH ABOUT THIS TIME-WHAT ABOUT IT?

READ Acts of the Apostles 12:1 "ABOUT THAT time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to afflict and oppress and torment some who belonged to the church (assembly)."

You will recall that in 2 Kings 6, the prophet Elisha prophesied in the name of the Lord God that about this time tomorrow, God was going to make a bag of rice sell for one shekel at the gate of Samaria. Of course it came out as God had said through His prophet. We are faced today with another of the same expression but in a totally different context. It is noted here that about that time which was when the Church was beginning to know the move of the Holy Spirit, that Satan through one of his own king Herod stretched forth his unrighteous hands to afflict the Church and by implication God Himself. The point here is the similarity or what I will call parallelism in the two instances. In the Samaria saga, it was the prevalence of hunger a servant of Satan that led to the killing of children by their own mothers for food that led to the amazing miracle of the Lord as the hunger disappeared overnight. Here also in the New Testament, it was the overwhelming success of the ministry of Christ that led to the unexpected evil of the enemy in killing one of the proponents of the movement of the Lord. The point I want us to see here is that in the midst of happiness there is always danger as there is hope for the miraculous in the face of acute need. It is part of nature and we have to be prepared for same. Are you presently hard pressed to the point of denying God? Never so do. Your help is on the way, indeed, it comes soonest. And are you presently witnessing the powerful hands of the Lord in your

ministry resulting in success in every turn? Watch out, the enemy lurks behind and could strike. Wait on God securely always. Alleluia.

PRAY you are most watchful always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 34-35; Acts of the Apostles 15:1-21

JULY 8TH WHEN SATAN WILL ATTACK YOU THROUGH YOUR SIBLIN

READ Acts of the Apostles 12:2 "And he killed James the brother of John with a sword."

It is not unusual for the enemy to want to attack and indeed get at you through your siblings. This is usually the antic of the enemy. You are to note that you are his target and protect as much as you can based on the endowment given you all that is given to you. Satan attacked Jesus through His apostles. They were not the target and possibly couldn't have been any way. But it was the Master Himself that he targeted. First it was through Judas Iscariot the betrayer. Next it was through Peter who thrice denied Him. Finally, it was all the apostles who apart from going into hiding eventually went back afishing. But the Savior being aware of the antic of the enemy never countenanced his foul play, but upheld the apostles as He overlooked their shortcomings and rather strengthened them all. Job before this was attacked through his inheritances and finally through his children who all died prematurely. Lastly he himself was attacked with illness not to say illnesses with his wife also running away from him and urging him to deny God and die. In all these he remained focused on God. You and I should be mindful of the enemy's taunt and stay afloat.

PRAY you will not be caught unawares

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 36-37; Acts of the Apostles 15:22-41

JULY 9TH KNOWING THE PREVALENT CONDITIONS FOR HIS MIRACLES

READ Acts of the Apostles 12:6 "The very night before Herod was about to bring him forth, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison."

I have always maintained based on my little understanding of Scripture that the worst of hardships are the necessary conditions to provoke His miraculous. The Bible is replete of examples and illustrations. First, at the marriage of Canaan of Galilee, it was the absence of wine at this odd time of midnight that caused the Lord to perform His fist miracle. Chances are if there were no shortages, and even if there were, if it was day, the miraculous wouldn't have been given. But as late as everything was, God was moved for His intervention. Lazarus was dead and decaying. This was the necessary condition for God to showcase His power over putrefaction and not just over death and Hades. He came into the scene when all hopes were lost and the worst already accepted even by the best and strongest believer. He commanded and all impossibilities stopped forthwith. In Samaria mentioned of late, it was the desperation of

all that led to the killing of the children by their mothers and made stew that led to the miraculous of having the most abundance never ever imagined. You too will be this blessed today. That worst and hopeless situation of yours will certainly move the Savior to be involved positively in your life. Just believe and praise Him now and always. Alleluia.

PRAY you are hopeful and never faint in hoping

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 38-40; Acts of the Apostles 16:1-21

JULY 10TH AND SUDDENLY YOUR MIRACLE HOUR IS NOW!

READ Acts of the Apostles 12:7 "And suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared [standing beside him], and a light shone in the place where he was. And the angel gently smote Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, Get up quickly! And the chains fell off his hands."

The day king David was to have the troubles of his life shortened and cutoff was like any other day before it. There was nothing in the sky that smacked of any extraordinary event. Yet, it was the day the Lord had chosen to fulfill all He had promised him. He went to fight on the side of the Philistines. They would not allow him. Before he got home, all that was his as well as those of his soldiers had been taken captive. For the first time they talked of stoning him to death. He also cried his heart out, only for God to give him back all that had been taken away and more also. On the morrow, the death of his arch enemy was announced to him. Your arch enemy too is being slaughtered now in the mighty name of the Lord God on High. Again you will recollect that the day Jesus would rise from the dead, there was nothing extraordinary. As a matter of fact, His disciples wrote off His promise to rise on the third day. Only the women who went to anoint His dead body; who were seeking the Living, indeed Life Himself among the dead received the amazing shock of their lives. In the same manner, you will be pleasantly shocked for good by His Majesty today. The Israelites were living witnesses to the slaughtering of the army of Egypt at the Sea of Reeds. Just like every other day, the enemy's army thought of plundering the anointed. But they were plundered instead. Today as I am speaking His Word to you, all your enemies are plundered for life in Jesus Mighty name. It is most well with yo*u* always, amen.

PRAY you will hope in Him to the end

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Job 41-42; Acts of the Apostles 16:22-40

JULY 11TH WHEN YOU WILL THINK YOU ARE DAYDREAMING HIS MIRACULOUS

READ Acts of the Apostles 12:9 "And [Peter] went out [along] following him, and he was not conscious that what was apparently being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision."

When one has suffered so much; when one has been inundated with hopelessness even in the Hope that is Christ; when one has been bashed here and there too often with no help coming

ashore, if and when His amazing hands bring relief, certainly it is as if one is daydreaming. I will share some personal testimonies with you here today. Just this year, indeed, some weeks ago, I was to buy a cow for a couple on credit to pay later in the week. Just two hours before then, I was blessed in my account with 800,000.00 naira while all I needed for the cow was just 80,000.00. Praise the Lord. It was not just as if I was dreaming and it was a dream real too soon. Two years before then, I had to pay the school fees of my daughters in private universities. One was just going in while the other was a returning undergraduate. Because I could not afford to pay even for one then, I told the other to stay until I completed the fees for the one just going in. As I was leaving the house for the church, God told me to inform the other daughter to get ready as both would be going to school the following day. I did only hoping and truly not more than that. On getting to the church, I first got the balance of 45,000.00 naira needed for the new girl. Two hours or so after, a brother I had been ministering to called to inform me he would credit my account t with 500. I asked if it was five hundred naira or what. He said it was five hundred thousand naira. One hour after, I had my account credited with the said amount. In the same manner, God will daze you today with His miraculous so much you will think you are daydreaming, alleluia.

PRAY you are hopefully assured of His coming now

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 1-3 Acts of the Apostles 17:1-15

JULY 12TH THEN YOU WILL COME TO YOUR SENSES AND PRAISE THE LORD

READ Acts of the Apostles 12:11 "Then Peter came to himself and said, Now I really know and am sure that the Lord has sent His angel and delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting [to do to me]."

In all probabilities, you must have read of how God slaughtered 180,000 soldiers of the Assyrian King Sennacherib when he defiled the God of Israel Who alone does wonders overnight. These woke up as dead men the morrow only for the king himself to get home and be butchered by his own two sons. In the same way, the Lord my God; the Lord God of Zion and of Morworld Who is writing to you using my hands today will slaughter all your enemies from the face of the earth overnight. When you will wake up you will believe once again that the Most High God reigns in the Kingdom of men and gives it to whoever He wills. About three years ago, I woke up with no penny on me. The Lord asked me to come in my Jeep that had little or no fuel; leaving behind the small and manageable KIA RIO that was fueled. To worsen the situation He ordered me to come in my white flowing *agbada*. I obeyed with fear to be honest. Midway on the journey, my eyes strayed to the meter which showed that the fuel was zero. God told me not to call on my friend living in the vicinity but to keep going. My fear would not allow me, so I called only for my friend to tell me he was in Benin. I was forced to keep going. The Jeep took me to the church. Then I looked into my email and my Virgin frequent flier had some news for me. While reading it, God told me to book a flight to UK. Surprisingly, He asked me to book the Business Class that cost only about 800,000.00 then with the manner of payment being later. Two hours later

someone walked in to give me one million naira in cash. God said that was the ticket fee I had just booked. Your own miracle is on the way too. Praise the Lord God Almighty.

PRAY you will be abundantly blessed in awaiting your miraculous

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 4-6; Acts of the Apostles 17:16-43

JULY 13TH KNOWING THAT CHRIST CAME TO FULFILL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

READ Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to do away with or undo the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to do away with or undo but to complete and fulfill them."

Christ Jesus our Lord is both the end of the Law and the fulfillment of same to everyone who believes and who will ever believe. This means in part that all the Law requires are fully satisfied and made complete in Jesus Christ our Lord and God. All the righteous requirements of God Almighty are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. That is why He was made sin for us Who Himself knew no sin and could never have known any sin any way. The implication of this is that outside of Jesus Christ there is nothing righteous nor can any be righteous. For in Him all righteousness is made complete and fulfilled. In addition to all these, there can be no other prerequisites or propitiation for sin apart from the complete works of Christ on the cross. Let me bring this matte nearer home to you. All you need to be saved and to remain glued in salvation is Jesus Christ. There is nothing outside of Him or anything in addition to Him. He is Lord and God of all. Wrongly though, some teach that the Old Testament is void and irrelevant. Then Abraham and all the patriarchs would have been voided and made irrelevant too as would be all information contained therein upon which the New Testament is hinged. It is against such satanic verses as these that the statement of our Lord here isolated is quoted. Stay blessed in the Lord God always. Alleluia.

PRAY you are most affectionately glued to Christ Jesus alone

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 7-9; Acts of the Apostles 18

JULY 14TH ALL THE LAW CONTENTS SHALL BE FULFILLED

READ Matthew 5:18 "For truly I tell you, until the sky and earth pass away and perish, not one smallest letter nor one little hook [identifying certain Hebrew letters] will pass from the Law until all things [it foreshadows] are accomplished."

In all honesty and truth, what is the summary of the contents of the Old Testament? One may need be in the seminary or be schooled in Theology to better appreciate our position here. Yet, we will state same as simply as the Holy Ghost will enable us. The whole essence of the Law of Moses as contained in the Bible is to foreshadow Christ in His various Old Testament revelations. For instance, the ram provided for Abraham typified Christ Jesus for as Isaac was the Promised Child, so was Jesus the Promised Messiah. Also the clothing which God provided for the sinning Adams after their fall in Eden was symbolic of the putting on of Jesus Christ in the

Faith that is Jesus Christ. The shed blood of the ram or animal whose skin was so used foreshadows the shedding of the blood of Christ Jesus at the fullness of time. I can go on and on with this illustration. What of the Angel of the Lord is the Old Testament Who stood in for the revelation of the Son of God in times later? This Angel unlike other angelic beings accepted worship and forgave sins all which pointed to the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. Put another way, the Old Testament in its entirety foreshadows Christ. Thus, every content of same has been fulfilled in Christ and some are being fulfilled now while the remaining will be fulfilled in the near ages. Thus, no part of same will lack fulfillment. Do you understand this much? It is good you do and now too.

PRAY you know what is given to you to know in Scripture

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm10-12; Acts of the Apostles 19:1-20

JULY 15TH YOUR RIGTHTEOUSNESS TO BE AS GOOD AS GOD'S

READ Matthew 5:20 "For I tell you, unless your righteousness (your uprightness and your right standing with God) is more than that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The summary of today's piece is that the measure of the level of our righteousness is God Himself. This should not surprise us at all so as to open our mouths in wide bewilderment. It is the precious blood of Christ that saves us. It is His righteousness that we put on. We are Him as much as He is God. He is the Heir of all that God is whether in the past, present or in ages to come. We are His regardless of the differences in our being with His. As long as we accept Him as our personal Lord and Savior, we are to this extent equal with Him. Consequently, we are heirs of Him and in that respect, co-Heir with Him of the Father. In essence of this, anything we do different from what He did while here or what He would have done were He to be physically here today cannot be acceptable to Him. While He pilgrimaged here, He dined with sinners; loved the whores, and accepted all into His Kingdom. We are to do the same today as we love those who hate us and bless those who would otherwise have cursed us. In short we should exude His Grace in His power. With His being in us in His Holy Ghost, nothing shall be too difficult for us to accomplish in Him. Get this straight today and live exemplarily righteous in Him.

PRAY you live Jesus Christ of Nazareth all your living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 13-15; Acts of the Apostles 19:21-41

JULY 16TH KNOWING THAT THE SUM OF GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH

READ Psalm 119:160 "The sum of Your word is truth [the total of the full meaning of all Your individual precepts]; and every one of Your righteous decrees endures forever."

Right now we have come to a straight truth and fact at the same time. Severally in Scripture, we have the various characteristics of the Godhead given to man defined in the ultimate as truth. So here again we have it that the sum total of any and all things in God is truth. So what is the appropriate and correct definition of truth in Scripture the same by which we all should be guided here on earth preparatory to our translation? In John 17 in what theologians call the high priestly prayer of Jesus Christ; while summing up His works the same that He had completed even before going to the Cross, He said as God had given Him power over all men that they may know and acknowledge and at the same time accept eternal Life the same that is the Truth. He went on to define what Eternal Life is: That they may know God as the Lord God Almighty and Jesus Christ Whom He God had sent. The components of eternal life therefore are two-God the Father and the Son. So how is eternal life the same as the Truth? By Truth here is meant the Divine reality that cannot be denied, suppressed or annulled which remains forever more. In this context, Eternal Life is a synonym for Truth. In practical reality and every day use, the Truth is that by which we live and prosper; it is that by which we abide in the Faith after having been saved therein. Truth, the truth of God Who is God is God; no more no less. It is in this context that the verse here declares that all His Truths are eternal. There is of course an instance of Truth as well as the aggregate of Truth. One instance of the Truth is one representation of God in His characteristic, and when we talk of the totality of His Truth we are referring not just to God the Father but the entire Godhead. Do you accept this Truth! You should really and develop on same.

PRAY God the Truth will reveal Himself to you completely

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 16-17; Acts of the Apostles 20:1-16

JULY 17TH SETTLING ALL DISPUTATIONS IN AND FOR CHRIST JESUS

READ 1 Corinthians 6:1 "DOES ANY of you dare, when he has a matter of complaint against another [brother], to go to law before unrighteous men [men neither upright nor right with God, laying it before them] instead of before the saints (the people of God)?"

I am sure not a few believers will find this Scriptural piece offensive or difficult to obey to put it mildly. Yet this is what Scripture says and Scripture is not void or voidable. There is nothing difficult to adhere to in Scripture. Our problem lies in pour inability to will to obey. Why would any go to court anyway? Isn't it because we need to fight for our right? Can't we forfeit any right for God in any case? I answer in the affirmative, that one can and should forfeit anything including one's life for Christ. If God could forgo His Life in His Son for you and I, it is not too difficult to give Him any and all things He would require if the need arises. So what am I saying? Would I go to court on anything on my own? Certainly not. Why? This is because apart from the Bible injunction, I also have a personal directive from God Almighty never to go to court or to call in the Police on any matter of my right except those involving criminality. However, if I am sued in any law court, I would certainly do that. I had been to court on my own before this development however when I had to sue for my right in an employment saga. The point I want

to make here is we all need to live by Scripture and seek God's enablement so to do. You will be blessed and progressively empowered to do all that the Lord God requires of you always in Jesus Mighty Name, amen.

PRAY you are so blessed in His enablement always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 18-19; Acts of the Apostles 20:17-38

JULY 18TH SHUN ALL SEXUAL IMMORALITY NOW

READ 1 Corinthians 5:1 "IT IS reported that there is sexual immorality among you, impunity of a sort that is condemned and does not occur even among the heathen; for a man has [his own] father's wife."

By sexual immorality is meant all sexual acts that are forbidden whether in or out of marriage. Incestuous relation, a sexual intercourse between two close relations is outlawed both in Scripture and in the nation's penal code. Scripturally, we are not to be involved in sexual act outside the marriage that is solemnized in accord to the Laws of God Almighty. In the case we are considering, a man took his father's wife ostensibly; the man was in the assembly of the saints. To worsen the situation, the church of God saw nothing wrong and bad in it as the offender was left uncondemned. It is here called impunity, meaning audaciously without any sense of guilt at all. I agree and I belong to the school of thought that will punish all offences in the church whether sexual or otherwise but with and in the love of God. Certainly not at all with the sense or belief that a sinner cannot be forgiven. I belong to the school that is convicted any and all sins are forgivable as long as the sinner is convicted and acknowledges his mistake. The impunity aspect is what I don't even subscribe to at all. Nevertheless I think church administrators at whatever level should enforce the Laws of Scripture legally not doing anything that the Laws of the land is against to start with. More than this, it is important that we punish all offence with the love of God leading to righteous correction of the offender not to send him or her out of the congregation. Yet this is theoretical as each assembly will wait on God the Holy Spirit to direct exactly how each matter is to be handled. Praise the Lord God Almighty, alleluia.

PRAY you will be most blessed in the Lord through total obedience

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 20-22; Acts of the Apostles 21:1-17

JULY 19TH IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

READ 1 Corinthians 5:4 "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, on the man who has committed such a deed. When you and my spirit are met together with the power of our Lord Jesus,"

You want to ask, what is the essence of the expression in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth here explored? This also is to be considered with other relevant expressions here such as- with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ. The essence is to show that first and foremost the Church is the Body of Christ. He is the Head of His Body put in the hands of the Holy Spirit. Thus, all

actions and inactions are to be related to and be initiated by Him and executed in His name as He would direct in the particular instance. If He desires that like the woman in John 8 the offender is to be pardoned, so be it as long as it is His wish. If on the other hand He wants him or her to suffer the dire consequences like Reuben who for life forfeited his birth right so be it. We all should realize and imbibe the principle that the Lord God owns the church. More than this He alone sees the heart of all of us and the motive for our actions and inactions. Impunity however must never be our consideration. God forgives sins and that is why we are all saved. There is bound to be periods of insanity and pardon me for using the expression. We must never be insane as not to be aware of the antics of Satan waiting anxiously to cash in on our insensitivity. This is the point I am making in the interest of the Body of Christ. Remain blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY you are always led by His Holy Ghost

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 23-25; Acts of the Apostles 21:18-40

JULY 20TH KEEPING THE FEAST OF PURITY WITH THE UNLEAVENED BREAD

READ 1 Corinthians 5:8 "Therefore, let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven, nor with leaven of vice and malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened [bread] of purity (nobility, honor) and sincerity and [unadulterated] truth."

The very idea of feast and or feasting presupposes celebration and being joyous. There is no doubt about this at all. Yet, we are here admonished to feast if that is what the Lord has put in our mind, but certainly minus sin and sinning for that is what leaven represents. Yeast as we know it today or leaven as it was commonly known then was indicative of sin, and believers the world over are to shield themselves as much and it is possible from the throes of sin and sinning. Achan was a good example of how not to keep the feast of the Almighty with sin. God has just given Israel a strong victory over Jericho. The instruction was all in the doomed city was set apart for the Lord and must be consumed with fire. But Achan mixed His joy with his own personal sin for which Israel was corporately held accountable until he was burnt with fire plus of course all that belonged to him. Israel again was a good illustration of how not to mix His feasting with sinfulness. They craved for meat which He gave them in abundance in the wilderness but certainly with the proviso not to keep it until the morrow. They would not listen to Him, they bred worms whether the manna or the met. Indeed, because they sinned in asking Him for same, while the meat was in their mouths, He consumed them. All these are meant for our learning so as to keep our purity in His provisions. As we celebrate God in our hearts and minds today, let us hold on to His purity. Amen.

PRAY you will remain pure in His Grace always

HIS BLOOD HJIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 26-28; Acts of the Apostles 22

JULY 20TH ACCOMMODATING BUT NOT FELLOWSHIPPING WITH THE WORLD

READ 1 Corinthians 5:10 "Not [meaning of course that you must] altogether shun the immoral people of this world, or the greedy gaspers and cheats and thieves or idolaters, since you would need to get out of the world and human society altogether."

The point in the verse above is associating with the world but not fellowshipping with the world. And these are the senses in both. To associate is to move with; it is to come close to someone or something with the aim of studying that thing or person. It is another matter entirely if one is absorbed and taken over or taken into that person or thing. Fellowshipping is coming into union with that thing or person. It is relating closely and intimately regardless of the level with the person or thing. There is no way we would live in the world entirely unto ourselves without relating to people of doubtful character as here listed in this verse. It is simply not possible. This is one reason the Master and Lord in His High Priestly prayer asked God to keep us in this very world we are admonished to minister as His earthly representatives and not keep us away entirely from the earth. Jesus Himself was and is still the best example of living in the world; relating to and in the world, but certainly never ever fellowshipping with the world. Rather, He made sure He brought all those He so related to into His own world. This is the message we are here given today-to relate to the world; to seek the lost souls in the world and bring them into the marvelous light of the Savior but never to be absorbed into the world from which we have been cleansed at the most expensive price. I am sure this is clear to us. The beginning of this is relating to people of unclear characters inside the church and not segregating ourselves from them. It is only in so doing that we would be able to minister to them. Whether or not they would believe is not in our hands. This is in the hands of the Almighty. Remain blessed in His Grace forever more, amen.

PRAY you are this blessed always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm29-30; Acts of the Apostles 23:1-15

JULY 22ND NOT AT ALL ASSOCIATING WITH FALSE BRETHREN

READ 1 Corinthians 5:11 "But now I write to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of [Christian] brother if he is known to be guilty of immorality or greed, or is an idolater [whose soul is devoted to any object that usurps the place of God], or is a person with a foul tongue [railing, abusing, reviling, slandering], or is a drunkard or a swindler or a robber. [No] you must not as much as eat with such a person."

Definitely, the context of this speech is crucial to the true meaning of same. If taken out of context that gave rise to it, we would be in trouble of actually misunderstanding what is intended. But glory is God that we have the immediate preceding verse which has told us not to abandon living in and with the people of the world who are yet to come into the Faith that is Jesus. The way I understand the verse here in question is that people who have professed the Faith; who have tasted of the power of the world and those to come; who have witnessed the powerful hands of the Lord God in various form, who now go back into the world and deceitfully continue to pose as believers are to be shunned outright. Going back into the world is bad

enough. Pretending to still be in Christ and luring others into their deceitful living is not to be tolerated. This was what informed the death of Ananias and Sapphira his wife. That they sold and kept part of the money which rightly belonged to them before and after the sale was and should be no offence. But posing as bringing all and not declaring that they had appropriated a part thereof to themselves was deceitful enough. First it showed they were no true converts. Secondly, it also showed they did not understand what the fellowship of Christ meant nor did they understand the power and might of the Godhead. So they had to be sent away from the fellowship and the earth entirely to stop deceiving people and by so doing polluting the living members. This is the point being highlighted her and it is good we get it straight and not misconstrue same.

PRAY you are truly enlightened in His Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 31-32; Acts of the Apostles 23:16-35

JULY 23RD OUR DUTY IS TO CLEANSE OUR OWN EYES

READ 1 Corinthians 5:12 "What [business] of mine is it and what right have I to judge outsiders? Is it not inside [the church] upon whom you are to pass disciplinary judgment [passing censuring sentence on them as the facts require]?"

While it is not recommended that we should be strict or too strict in applying righteous rules to offenders in the church of God, at the same time, we should never fail to punish and correct all offenders in the assembly of the saints. In my country Nigeria, a lot of noises are being made against the corruption in the country and justifiably too. But when it is noted that those who committed these offences are largely Christians as well as Muslims the two major religions in the country, we begin to wonder the role of the Church for that is my own constituency in all of this. Is it that the church is closing its eyes to what goes on internally or that she is not taking cognizance of what her members do outside of the assembly the same that affects their financial membership or both? These are foods for thought. The truth is most churches are not disciplining their members neither do they care how monies donated in the church are sourced. Worst is the issue of the church running cap in hand to political office holders for help both righteous and most unrighteous. In that case when the church closes her eyes for offence in the church which is a closed circuit, how can she righteously appraise goings on in the larger society? How can she justify her loud cries on political matters when her own matters are worst off relatively? Coming nearer home, how do we relate or mete out justice in our own homes before even talking church not to talk of the society? It is your duty to first cleanse your own eyes from within before seeing clearly to cleanse those of the outside world. Otherwise you become a hypocrite.

PRAY you are wholly pure in all your conducts

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 33-34; Acts of the Apostles 24

JULY 24TH REALISING GOD ALONE SITS IN JUDGMENT ON THOSE OUTSIDE

READ 1 Corinthians 5:13 "God alone sits in judgment on those who are outside. Drive out that wicked one from among you [expel him from your church]."

In conclusion of our discussions on discipline and the likes, we come to the inevitable Truth-God is the only righteous Judge Who alone rightly sits in judgment over all else. Nevertheless, we owe Him a duty to govern our own homes, offices, and church as righteously as He has given it to us. Where one sins with impunity and refuses to see his or her wrong not to talk of coming into repentance and seeking forgiveness, the church owes it a duty to expel the persistent and offending person in line with her own constitution against the background of the country's constitution to ensure his or her fundamental human right is not violated. I have being a strict implementer of rules without any consideration for human feelings at all until God revealed to me in a vision that I would pass for a modern Pharisee today. This is not to say I am sinless or always right. Far be it from this. My position then was that all who offends must pay the prescribed price. But He showed me He has not come to punish for punishment sake. But that the offender may be brought into repentance and not lose his life to hell fire. Since then I have allowed the Holy Spirit to guide and lead me in all I do. Whether or not others see what the Holy Spirit is doing is their own business. What matters to me is that I want to please God Almighty in all I do and carry as many as would listen to me along. Glory is God in the highest heavens alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will always be led by His Holy Spirit

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 35-36; Acts of the Apostles 25

JULY 25TH WHY HE WHO DOES NOT HAVE WILL HAVE THE LITTLE TAKEN FROM HIM

READ Matthew 25:29 "For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will be furnished richly so that he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have will be taken away."

What we have here is not just a parable but it is also a riddle or what I may call a paradox. Here is what I mean and I am focusing on the last segment really which has to do with not having. I am of the opinion that the one who claims not to have here will lose all he has or the only thing he has because he is not being truthful. If he truly has none, then I am sure the Master here would not have been wrath with him as to take the one given to him. The truth of the matter here is that he was actually given a seed to sow; but for reasons of losing his righteous focus and claiming to know more than his Master Who so enabled him with the one talent, he was not only wrong but also forfeited his right to true discipleship. As a result he was to lose all out including his stewardship. As to the one who was having more and being furnished with more abundance, the truth is he had been found to be a faithful servant in that that which was given to him had been put to righteous use. Being faithful then, he was more qualified than any else to receive the unutilized seed for he had proven himself to be most faithful. The lesson here is

about faithfulness and truthfulness. I may not be as endowed as you are or the reverse might be the case. Nevertheless, I am to be faithful in what I am endowed with. Without proving faithful and truthful in little things; who will reasonably entrust me with large things? A word is enough for us the wise in the Lord God Almighty. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are found worthy always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLEH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 37-39; Acts of the Apostles 26

JULY 26TH WHEN THERE WOULD BE GREAT REJOICING

READ Acts of the Apostles 8:8 "And there was great rejoicing in that city."

Under normal circumstances, there must be great rejoicing inspired by the Holy Ghost any time the Holy Ghost has moved in any and all places. There is no exception to this rule. This was the situation in Jerusalem when the Holy Ghost first descended to form His Church. All who heard the good news were blessed the result of which was rejoicing and great manifestation of His power over all. This does not in any way stop the cynics as there would be vessels not of honor but of dishonor as well. May we never ever be vessels unto dishonor in Jesus mighty and holy name, amen. In today's reading, we see the outcome of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost after the dispersal of the disciples following the persecution and execution of Deacon Stephen. The enemy never thought that would be the outcome. In all probabilities, all the enemies expected was the stifling of the disciples. But by the spread of the disciples, the Word, His Word really also spread and the evangelist Philip who was also one of the deacons chosen which occasioned the death of Stephen preached powerfully as well. He was not deterred by the death of his colleague. Indeed, there was no way he could have been discouraged as the Spirit we have taken in is not that of discouragement. He preached and Satan and his cohorts bowed before him. This is also awaiting your ministration today if you will endure all persecutions and let the Holy Spirit have His way in your life. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are emboldened in His Word

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 40-42; Acts of the Apostles 27:1-26

JULY 27TH WHEN JESUS WILL COME TO YOUR BETHANY

READ John 12:1 "SO SIX days before the Passover Feast, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, who had died and whom He had raised from the dead."

There are so many things that your being born again will occasion in your life apart from those already occasioned by Him already. We all are conversant with the story of Lazarus, and we need be so acquainted with it as it was unique in Scripture second only to the resurrection of the Lord Himself. Here was one who was sick; message was sent to Jesus for his healing to prevent his death, because once dead they thought Jesus and by implication God and His power could not conquer death. And don't blame them anyway. But Jesus seeing their unbelief in this

respect delayed His going for the greater miracle of miracles to happen. So he died and was buried already decaying for four days. Jesus then came to raise him up from the grave in just speaking a short prayer of thanks followed by the command. What is your albatross today? What areas of your life are dead and already buried? God has delayed until now for your greater rejoicing in Him. Today, you are quickened in the name above all names and you will live. When next the Lord and Savior will visit you it is for greater testimony of His deeds in your life; yes, in my life as well and in our lives all to His glory and honor. Why not shout alleluia to His name now!

PRAY you are a wonderful vessel for the most wonderful miracle of our time in Jesus

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 43-45; Acts of the Apostles 27:27-44

JULY 28TH WHY YOUR LAZARUS WILL BE AT THE TABLE WITH THE LORD

READ John 12:2 "So they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those at the table with Him."

As a matter of divine truth, the reason why God would heal any and indeed save all is for us to glorify Him by our testimony such that His name can continuously be magnified in the earth as it is being done regularly in the heavenly. Lazarus' continued living and presence was a big embarrassment for the devil in the sky where he runs up and down and for his disciples on earth. If you read further down you will discover that the decision to kill Jesus soonest was occasioned by the resurrection of Lazarus from the deed. For it was the biggest of His miracles then and the greatest evidence that He was the Son of God for no one had ever done that before even though a lot of His disciples now had attained that feat in His name to the Glory of the Father. They also decided to kill Lazarus with Him to destroy the living evidence of His miraculous deeds. Have you ever thought that the same will happen to you some day-that your greatest accomplishment for the Lord may turn your albatross and see you off the planet earth? It happened to Stephen to mention just a few. Here it was happening to the Savior. But perhaps the greatest news so far was that Lazarus was still with the Savior. Look through the Scripture; apart from the women from whom He cast out seven demons, how many of the recipient of His healings stayed back to glorify Him? Just look around you today and see that the same is happening. In other words, Lazarus was grateful. So go and be likewise. Amen.

PRAY you will ever be grateful and never be ungrateful at all

HIS BLOOD HJIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 46-48; Acts of the Apostles 28

JULY 29TH WHAT TO DO WHEN THE JUDASIAN SPIRIT COMES ON YOU

READ John 12:4 "But Judas Iscariot. The one of His disciples who was to betray Him, said,"

By Judasian spirit is meant the kind of spirit that came in upon Judas Iscariot. You will realize that Judas was the Greek form of the Hebrew word *Judah* meaning praise, His praise really.

Thus, there was nothing intrinsic in his betrayal of the Lord. Indeed, he was numbered among the twelve and also received his own portion of the anointing by the Lord. As a matter of divine grace, Jesus made him the treasurer without any recording, such that there would be no hidden secret concerning the finances of the ministry to him. Yet, Jesus didn't love him as He did the trio of Peter, James and John. Despite the abundance of the shower of Grace on him, the Scripture says he was pilfering the purse. Yet no one took him on in this matter. Yet, this was not enough for him. His Oliver Twist always wanted some more. And herein lies the relevance of today's verse. While accompanying Jesus to the house of the Mary and Martha plus of course Lazarus, he had a mind of discouraging the anointing of the Lord by Mary. He wanted the beggars honored than the Lord their God. Of course, it was clear the reason was self motivated. If the oil were sold, the money would have been handed over to him and again he would have pilfered. Enough of the discussion we have had on Judas Iscariot for now. How many of us today are different from him? How many of us truly love the Lord God and not serving Him or pretending so to doing for money? Remember Jesus sees your heart. Today, you have heard His voice again. Return to His righteousness and leave mammon to the world.

PRAY you will never allow the Judasian spirit into your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 49-50

JULY 30TH PRAISE AND PRAISING THE NAME OF THE LORD

READ Psalm 113:1 "PRAISE THE Lord! (Hallelujah!) Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

Once again we are back with that which can never be enough either here in this world or in the worlds to come including of course the eternity of eternities. We must always praise the Lord God Almighty. As to why; it is because it is the only righteous thing for all creatures of His to do all the time. Anything short of this is heinous and I would say even more blasphemous than speaking ill of the Holy Spirit. Why again? I would submit most graciously that not praising Him is not being grateful. Gratefulness you want to know is the best praise we can offer to Him. Any who is grateful is faithful. If you are not faithful, then you would not know how to praise Him. You would not even be aware of His Being at all. But one who is faithful is only faithful to the Lord God. He has to acknowledge and recognize that He is and that He is the Rewarder of all who diligently seek Him. I want you to see the logic of my argument even if what I am saying is not a matter of logic but of Faith. Being faithful is being grateful. Gratefulness is nothing but acknowledgment of His Being as the overall and Supreme Being that can never be fully comprehended by any; no, not in this our world or the worlds to come. Once we acknowledge His Being at whatever level, it follows logically there from that we must praise Him. We must be thankful for the daily loading of us of His immense and enormous blessings even before we were born. You must agree with me now and always that if there is anything we can do endlessly without any remorse whatever, it is Praising the Lord God loud and clear; even noisily and sinlessly. In this alone you are blessed today. Amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 51-53; Romans 2

JULY 31ST PRAISING THE NAME OF THE LORD EVERYWHERE

READ Psalm 113:3 "From the rising of the sun to the going down of it and from east to west, the name of the Lord is to be praised."

When we talk of the rising of the sun to its end we are saying literally that from sunset to sundown, all we need do as righteous and faithful creatures is to praise the name of the Lord. Remember that His name is the same as His Being; His Person, as well as His characters. Jehovah Jireh for instance talks of His provisions. El-Shaddai talks of His self existence and self sufficiency. Thus when we praise His name as well as His Person, we are testifying to His wonderful and wondrous manifestations in our lives. We are witnessing Him and propagating Him at the same time. Accordingly, even in trials and persecutions, praising His holy name is best for us as well as those who are persecuting us whether or not they allow His power to transform them notwithstanding. Stephen testified of Him while being martyred as well as other faithful too numerous to mention here. What made all of these to praise and recognize His name in this turbulence? Simply put, it is His enormous power that had been manifested in their lives the same that was with them in their trials which immuned their systems to the awful effects of their persecution. Rather it opened their eyes to His marvelous provisions for His creatures here and there and in this they could only attest to His Grace and glory. Occasionally I have being in this situation in one form or the other. I have been slapped twice openly by a female in the church. All I could do was to say God would require it of her. It wasn't me that did not want to retaliate. Those who know me well will tell you never try it. But it just never occurred to me. He did not allow me and my sensibility to think that way. You will be more blessed likewise in Jesus Name amen.

PRAY you will realize the necessity of praising His Holy Name always

HIS BLOO HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 54-56; Romans 3

AUGUST 1ST APPRECIATING THE HUMILITY OF THE GODHEAD

READ Psalm 113:6 "Who humbles Himself to regard the heavens and the earth!"

God cannot be ever humbled by any force or power. He is beyond being humbled whether in the heavenly or in the earth or even in the nether part of the earth. Being humbled is never possible for the Lord. But despite His being the only Source of all in the universe, Who alone fathoms all as He alone made them and empowers and sustains them all, He humbles Himself. This is perhaps another character of His after His love and holiness that follows in that order-Humility. By humility is meant the denying of the self of all that powers one; it is the bringing down of oneself for the purposes of serving others. Only the powerful do humble themselves. Empty barrels inform of persons puff up when there is nothing to puff up about. The beginning

of humility is recognizing the right of the individual particularly those subordinate to one. In the case of God, His self humility is first noted in bringing out of Himself two other Personalities of the Godhead to co-share with Him the Grace of being Godhead. Not only this, He sought Their opinions in almost all He does. One is when He asked them to make man in Their own image as seen in Genesis one. Furthermore, the man to be created as like Themselves was to be given dominion of the earth, meaning ceding to him part of Their own responsibility. One who is not humble, one who is self naughty and self opinionated will never do this. Rather he would seek how to subjugate all else for his own self good. God is not like that. He also asked the other Personalities to go with Him to see the tower of rebellion being built by the man in Genesis 11. He could act as He wishes and no one could take Him on. But He never does this. It is in this respect too that He regards the heavens and the earth as well as their inhabitants. Such a God as our Lord is worthy of our praises all the time, amen.

PRAY you are self humbling too

HIS BLOOD HIS FLSEH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 57-59; Romans 4

AUGUST 2ND REMEMBRING ISRAEL IN HER JOURNEY OUT OF EGYPT

READ Psalm 114:1 "WHEN ISRAEL, came forth out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,"

Why the need to remember Israel's exit from Egypt anyway? Many reasons really for this one of which is the exit of Israel was a shadow of the journey of all from sinfulness to freedom in Christ Jesus. As a result, a lot of parallelism exists therein. *When* here is the adverbial of time, indicating time and the exact time really. God informed Abram that his seed would serve as slaves in a strange land for 400 years after which they would come out. They never came out at exactly 400 years but came out after 430 years. The first lesson is not to be too presumptuous about God's timing. God's sense of timing is quite different from ours. As a result being too literal in our interpretation of His timing will ultimately dismay us. Secondly, God only determines when enough is enough and usually He does not share this with His subjects. But occasionally when He does as in this case He still holds the joker or He is still the Sole Determiner and Interpreter of His Word. As a result, we should just humble ourselves in obedience to Him. Thirdly, He tells no one usually why He is going to work out His way the way He does. No one knows. All He does is to work out His own way. Ask me for instance why Israel should go down to Egypt at all and if she had to why be a slave there, and for a whopping 400 years? But that is God. So how do you and I come in today? We do come in, in that what He does yesterday He would still do today and tomorrow. He does not change His character. So learn from the Israelites' sojourn for you are also sojourning now on earth. Amen.

PRAY you will learn in thus today and always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 60-62; Romans 5

AUGUST 3RD ASKING THE SEA OF REEDS AND THE JORDAN WHAT AILED THEM

READ Psalm 114:5 "What ails you, O [Red] Sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?"

I want you to realize that the questions above were directed to the Sea of Reeds as well as the River Jordan in an attempt to get out of their belies what happened to them that they responded the way they should to the commands of the Lord God. But before them maybe we should ask Sinai why it quaked ferociously the day the Lord of Hosts descended into same as seen in Exodus 20ff. Even before Sinai, let ask all creation itself why and how did it respond to the command of the Lord. The point really is what we call and term inanimate are living after all. We so term them. God did not so classify them. More than we would ever know and more than we are willing to obey, these see and know the Almighty and adequately respond to His instructions. They could not do otherwise. Jesus ordered the raging wave of the hurricane nature to cease and it obeyed immediately. He also ordered death and Hades to release forthwith the decomposing body of Lazarus and they obeyed. After Jesus, a lot of His apostles did many wonders like this. Even today in our time we are seeing more of His wonder working power. The point I want us to focus today is that all creations of God know Him and are willing and ready to obey Him. The donkey of Balaam obeyed where Balaam disobeyed. Also the various lions ordered by God to execute His judgments obeyed Him totally. In 1 Kings 13, we see the lion after killing the disobedient prophet stayed by his dead body and the ass he was riding without eating either of both. Why would you not obey God? To the question posed initially, the answer is plainly because they knew the Lord their God. You are not obeying as they did because you have refused to know your God. So know Him today!

PRAY you will always know Him Who made and clothe you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 63-65; Romans 6

AUGUST 4TH TREMBLE O EARTH AT THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

READ Psalm 115:7 "Tremble O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob

Trembling here is nothing but quaking. It is the shaking of the earth as if in an earthquake and or earth tremor. Why would the earth quake really? Again the answer is very simple. The earth has to quake in recognition of the Maker and Lord of the universe Who has so decreed. There is no two ways to it. As mentioned not too long ago, Sinai quaked and was full of dark and black smoke because the Lord Who makes the heavens and the earth came visiting on same. And because of His power and might, there is no way He would pass through any way that the place will be the same again. There is simply no possibility of this. The earth must quake when the Lord of hosts moves over or on same. When Israel again was privileged to host the Lord God or when the Lord hosted Moses and the seventy elders chosen by Him on Mount Sinai there was darkness unprecedented covering and hiding the real Being of His Lordship from preying eyes to stop possible image worship as they attempted to replicate Him. Sinai quaked. But it was

another kind of quaking. When the Lord passed through and before Elijah at the mouth of the cave, the earth quaked because it recognized the Lordship of God over it and over all. So why won't you tremble over and when the Lord God comes visiting you in His glamour and honor? In like manner, when it is time for God to punish all your accusers, they would all quake and shake as mere reeds for He Who is God has favored you. Today is the day the Lord has chosen in your life. Amen.

PRAY you won't be unnecessarily worried over your present challenges

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 66-67; Romans 7

AUGUST 5TH UNTO YOU O GOD WE GIVE ALL GLORY AND GLORYING

READ Psalm 115:1 "NOT TO us, O Lord, not to us but to Your name give glory, for Your mercy and loving-kindness and for the sake of Your truth and faithfulness!"

The fact must be stated as they are and indeed the truth really. All glory and honor; all honor and praises; all glorifications belong rightly to the Lord. This is the more reason why Jesus told the Jews of His days that Moses didn't give their fathers bread in the wilderness but His Father the Lord and God of all. This point needs be emphasized as we all should know that the only reason we are called and appointed; the only reason we are enabled in His ministerial work and workings is for us all to bring Him honor; no more no less at all costs. This is the reason why it is said that the whole knees would bow as the entire tongues of people confess Jesus as Lord and God not unto Himself but only and entirely to the glory of the Father. The glory belongs to the Father Who has decreed He would not share His glory with no one nor His honor with anybody. We all must realize this much and glorify God Almighty as we are used by Him. We didn't create Him. Rather, He created us according to His purposive will and enabled us to perform as decreed. If and when He uses us or we allow Him so to do for we are free agents of His even though created by Him, then we must acknowledge He worked in us. He used us to proclaim Himself so that we can be recognized as His; no more. As long as we recognize this and behave accordingly, we would be increasing in His Glory. Anything short of this is fraught with danger and doom. A word is enough for the wise and I am sure you are wise in the Lord, amen.

PRAY you will know you are after all His creation, a frail one really

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 68-69; Romans 8:1-21

AUGUST 6TH WHY HE WOULDN'T ALLOW THE NATIONS TO MOCK US

READ Psalm 115:2 "Why should the nations say, Where is now their God?"

From another perspective, what is meant by the nations asking *where is now our God* is simply mockery. All nations of the world have learnt that every faithful of His is His prophet and even

when sinned and is being punished by Him, only He can so do or any He would choose as His agent. For this reason He refused to allow any to do them and indeed us any harm. As a matter of divine truth, He reproved kings for our sake declaring: touch not My anointed, do My prophets no harm. This is one reason He would never leave us to be mocked by nations who are largely heathens who know nothing about His ways. In the wilderness you will realize that although all Israelites were under the sentence of death, never ever aging beyond seventy, He never allowed them to be mocked or fooled. No, He never allowed this. As a matter of truth, when His anger burnt and would otherwise have consumed them, Moses reminded Him that the nations of the world would mock Him as well as His inheritance. Consequently, He took another way to ensuring all the sinners died in what looked a natural death and not a mass consummation He had planned. I want you to rest assured in Him that He would not desert you. Even in your unfaithfulness; even in my unrighteousness, for His name sake He would preserve me and you. This is the beauty of being saved-meaning being clothed in the Garment of the Righteousness of Christ. If you have relations who are lacking in this, do all you can and bring them to the SAVIOR today. You are most blessed inn Him alleluia.

PRAY you are not only saved but saved in His knowledge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 70-71; Romans 8:22-39

AUGUST 7th MY GOD IS IN THE HEAVENLY DOING HIS WILL

READ Psalm 115:3 "But our God is in the heaven; He does whatever He pleases."

I am not sure there is any perfect way of expressing the way of the Lord, even in His power. What we have now in the earth is what the apostle Paul calls shadow of the fullness that is to be revealed later in eternity life. Consequently, I want to assure you I don't know nor do I have the appropriate language of the earthly to express the fullness of His which is what our analyses in this *Pathfinder* is supposed to be. However, we have to go on explaining His Word to us all in His power trusting that He alone will interpret in our hearts the appropriate meaning. Unlike the man-made gods who are perishing with the earth, our own God dwells in the heavenly and therein He directs single-handedly the affairs of the entire universe. Our God is not being borne around as a burden. He is not dumb nor is He deaf. He created all the senses and so He hears and He is sensitive to all our yearnings. That is partly why we say truly we have a Living God. Living, in the sense that He is ahead of us in all our relations and dwellings not to talk of our relationships. There is no way He doesn't feel what we feel even before we come to experience same. He knows our nature and how frail we are. As a result He cushions any adverse effects of our sinfulness. This is the Lord we serve Who alone is God and Lord of the entire universe. I am serving a living God here and forever more. I shall not be moved what the enemy puts in my way. Alleluia.

PRAY you realize this much

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 72-73; Romans 9:1-15

AUGUST 8TH IDOL MAKERS ARE IDOLS THEMSELVES

READ Psalm 115:8 "They who make idols are like them; so are all who trust in and lean on them."

The major trust of today's Bible verse is the comparison and indeed the characterization of idol makers, idol worshippers as idols themselves. So what are idols? In this very Psalm we are examining here, the idol is described as a dummy; a robot and even worse than a robot which is programmed to do some activities and which can never go outside of same. In the case of robots, mastery of same lies in the makers and manufacturers. But this is not so with idols and their makers. Here is an image carved out of the very wood from which some parts have been earmarked for cooking and other household uses. After decking it with designs he then worships it declaring to the infidels that there is the lord god who made thee when he knows full well he manufactures same. Therefore like the idol which has no functioning mouth, hands, ears, noses and the likes, the idol makers are worse off than the rigid image they have in their hands. But why are they so deceived? The answer is simply that they who have refused to receive the truth of God cannot but accept the foolishness of their inventions. Thus, fallen angels who roam about the sky power their imaginations and ensure their ungodly desires are actuated howbeit satanically. But you are not that foolish as to worship the work of your hands satanic power notwithstanding. In this case we see that even the idols themselves are better off than the idol worshippers who most of the time are idol makers or idol making instructors. Amen.

PRAY you will never ever worship the works of your hands; no, never

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 74-76; Romans 9:16-33

AUGUST 9TH TRUST IN THE LORD O HIS SAINTS

READ Psalm 115:9 "O Israel, trust and take refuge in the Lord! [Lean on, rely on, and be confident in Him!] He is their Help and their Shield."

We ended yesterday's ministration by urging us never to trust in the works of our hands; for it is futile. For instance take the various smart phones we have these days and the tablets. As effective as they are, they are never error proof or damage proof. I have been blessed to buy and use the best of the iPhones the latest being iPhone 6 Plus. You will not believe it that the iPhone 5 Plus I bought about two years ago had developed irreparable faults that it is good as useless. Yet, it cost me 165,000.00 [one hindered and sixty-five thousand naira only] when I bought it. Assume I was worshipping same because of its near perfection in doing my bidding; even then, it wouldn't qualify as my master as I am the one instructing it. There is no reason why any of the faithful should put trust in any that cannot save itself. There is simply no reason for this wanton wastage and idiocy. Why for example should I put my trust in the gods of wood and iron? What good have they done for themselves not to talk of me human being? Haven't I been given dominion over them and all that is in this earth? Why degrade myself by playing and actually acting the fool? I have put my trust in the Lord and if I so perish trusting Him so be it. I

will not be the first to so thrust my all on Him. Esther the Queen was there. So were the three Jews in Nebuchadnezzar's world who would rather burn to death than worship the king and his idol. In like manner, I have decided to follow Jesus to the end. There will be no turning back at all forever and ever amen.

PRAY you are thus determined and pray to be so empowered

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 77-79; Roman 10

AUGUST 10TH LEANING ON AND TRUSTING THE LORD

READ Psalm 115:11 "You who [reverently] fear the Lord, trust in and lean on the Lord! He is their Help and their Shield."

Here we are again discussing the essentials of the Christian tenets-that we who fear the Lord should lean on and trust in Him. So first what do we mean by fearing the Lord? To fear the Lord as summarized in Job 28 is being conscious of God's immense and inexhaustible power and might the same that enable Him to oversee all things anywhere in the universe and act as He deems fit. In other words, others may not see your wrong doings and evil motives for your seeming good deeds; but God sees and knows and would certainly judge same as become appropriate. Put another way, the fear of the Lord is not just the beginning of Wisdom but is also the consciousness of being obedient to all His commands. To act otherwise is nothing but folly which all who truthfully fears Him would avoid at all times. To everyone who fears the Lord, the question is settled that all trespasses are direct sin and sinning unto His holy name. This informed Joseph's decline of the sexual approaches of his master's wife and risking death by execution than having a quick sexual bliss that is not hidden from the Lord. No one who believes truly sins willingly without overlooking this truth. Once we are this conscious and obedient, we have God as our Help and our Shield. So secondly, what does it mean to have God for Help and Shield? As Help, we are assured of regular and persistent assistance all the while; and protection from any and all predators assured in His being our Shield. Amen.

PRAY you know what leaning and trusting in the Lord God is

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 79-80; Romans 11:19-36

AUGUST 11TH WHY THE LORD WILL BLESS YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD

READ Psalm 115:12 "The Lord has been mindful of us, He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel, He will bless the house of Aaron [the priesthood],"

We want to explore the reason for the truth that God would always bless and keep you and all that is yours over and above all else in the earth. We see the reason here in this simple verse. It says the Lord is mindful of us. So what is it for the Lord to be mindful of one? Simply put, it means God has one written on the palm of His hands seeing him or her at every turn. This does not mean in any way that God does not see some people unless He turns this way or that. No.

What we are saying is if and when God is mindful of one, it means God makes one's matter and all that concerns one top priority. It is like giving one the hotline to reach one in any emergency. But this is more than that. God is in one as one is in God and in most cases more than one can ever be in Him. But the truth is one must be favored by Him. Once He favors you then He delights in you. Once He delights in you He never allows any evil into your way let alone your life. He would guard and lead you as well as protect and provide for one. Essentially, all who are truly faithful to Him having come into His Faith in Christ are this protected and provided for. Hence they are being blessed here and there in addition to all their households. Let me share this truth with you. For over twelve years, I have never used any drug and have never seen a doctor in a clinic or wherever. I have been sick occasionally and sometimes seriously, but God had been faithful ad He tells me what to do in these circumstances. I also have four dogs that I buy and take over by His word. There was a time when they were falling sick and the bills were enormous. So I decided to extend God's grace upon them. Thence forth their sicknesses ceased so much that the vet doctor now calls me to bring them in for routine checkup. You are blessed in Him perpetually.

PRAY you are exploring all of His Grace over your life to the fullest

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 84-86; Romans 12

AUGUST 13TH KNOWING SOME OTHER TRUTHS OF HIS

READ Psalm 115:16 "The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth has He given to the children of men."

There is the need to be mindful of all truths revealed in the Scripture. If we are not mindful of all revealed truths, how would we cope with the yet to be revealed when they are eventually so revealed? In other words, you and I owe it a duty to be conversant with Scriptural truths. We do ourselves and all who listens to us enormous good if we are this learned. It is not meet for us to be citing Scriptural passage to support this. As the lawyers say, these truths speak for themselves if we will listen and by so doing learn. In today's Scriptural piece, we are told that the heavens of the heavens are the Lord's in a way the earth is not presumably. That both the heavens and the earth were made and sustained by Their Excellencies is a foregone conclusion as this is the first revealed truth in Scripture as seen in Genesis 1:1. But when we say the heavens are the Lord's in a way the earth is not, we refer and allude to the exclusive use of the heavens not just the skies by His Almighty in a way He does not exclusively use the earth. For instance, God has no home in the earth as He does in the heavenly. His righteous and holy angels do not domicile here on earth. Yet, His will is done on earth as it is first done in the heavens. What we are focusing upon here today therefore is the truth that God has the exclusive use of the heavens and the heavenly while He has given for the use of man and animals the use of the earth. Of course the fallen angels too domicile some sections of the earth. This does not remove the truth that God has ceded the earth unto the sons of men until the millennium. Praise the Lord.

PRAY you will never ever be fooled by your naivety

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 87-88; Romans 13

AUGUST 14TH BLESSING AND PRAISING THE LORD NOW AND FOREVERMORE

READ Psalm 115:18 "But we will bless (affectionately and gratefully praise) the Lord from this time forth and forever. Praise the Lord!"

It is as if we have come to a conclusion here at this very point in time. Having discussed the need to lean on and trust the Lord; having posited the necessity of praising Him always; and having seen that there is nothing as good and buoyant as praising the Lord always, we come to the unavoidable conclusion-God is worthy of our praises from now until eternity and post eternity for He is good and for His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever more. This is what is here reiterated and emphatically too. There is nothing pleasurable and profiting in this earth of ours other than praising and blessing the Lord God Almighty all the days of our life. Of recent a good Christian leader left the earth prematurely we would say even though at the age of 79 because we do not want to miss him and we thought there was a lot more for him to be used of the Lord. He was mourned and eventually buried some months after that. I am sure he would not even request for such worthy but glamorous funeral right here in Lagos and down to his hometown in the western part of the country. We all mourned and missed him. Then some weeks later, another younger person was selected or elected or both into his shoes. And it was time for rejoicing and truthfully too. Then I wondered whether it was worth it striving and slaving here in this earth. If one works assiduously both secularly and divinely and within weeks he is forgotten like that and another who perhaps one would not even consider for such post if one were to be living taking hold of all one had labored for; does it really worth it? But God told me it was well that having finished one's course successfully and faithfully, there is nothing more to look forward to here on earth. But I am distressed and truly too.

PRAY you are this knowledgeable and blessed in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 89-90; Romans 14

AUGUST 15TH KNOWING THAT WE CHRISTIANS WILL JUDGE THE ANGELS

READ 1 Corinthians 6:3 "Do you not know also that we [Christians] are to judge the [very] angels and pronounce opinion between right and wrong [for them]? How much then [as to] matters pertaining to this world and to this life only!"

It is gratifying to note one of the rare privileges of being a Christian to the end the same which is being judges in addition to being priests and kings for Him. In our capacity as judges, we would judge the angels of God in eternity life after our perfection in the Holy Ghost fire. What a rare privilege indeed! But this needs some clarifications. The first is right now we lack that capacity. Secondly, angels are higher spiritually now than we are as they are in the heavenly with God and directly minister to Him in a way we are not. Accordingly, this feature of ours is future and

cannot now be accessed. But we have to be grateful to the Lord God that not only are we now saved, but that as a consequence of our salvation, we would reign in and with Him in these capacities-kings and priests over natural human beings who will throng the New Earth and who will so remain to fulfill the very purpose of creating Adam until eternity of eternities; and we would be judges over the angels of God who are presently superior to us in ways not the immediate focus of this writing. Consequently, we should be able to judge ourselves now and more than this forebear for ourselves and for the Lord God as well as not to seek any right in the Law Courts but to defend ourselves in case we are so taken there. For indeed, the natural courts as good as they may be in their perfection are human and carnal creation meant to adjudicate according to human laws as opposed to the Laws of faith and faithing in God Almighty. Amen.

PRAY you will know your rights and privileges in the Lord God *Almighty*

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 91-93; Romans 15:1-13

AUGUST 16TH WHY NOT RATHER SUFFER WRONG THAN GOING LITIGATION?

READ 1 Corinthians 6:7 "Why, the very fact of having lawsuits with one another at all is a defect (a defeat, an evidence of positive moral loss for you), Why not rather let yourselves suffer wrong and be deprived of what is your due? Why not rather be cheated (defrauded and robbed)?"

The essence of going to court for anything is to seek justice for a perceived wrong done our person. No one goes to court if his or her right is not violated. Thus, we go to court and into litigation to ensure and enforce our right. And this is the point of today's Scriptural verse-why enforce your right any way if God has allowed same to be violated? Why drag the other person to court anyway particularly fellow believer for any reason when you can and you should forgo all for God and in Christ Jesus? In specific terms, why do I have to go before an unbeliever or a heathen or even the servant of Satan who is sitting in judgment over me and refer to him or her as lord or worship when I am the servant of the Living God? These are the issues being addressed here and they are follow up to the one declaration of never ever going before the court of secular world to enforce your right but rather give in and give up to God. My own perception of this is that we can only go to court if we are dragged there by whoever to defend ourselves. Further on this, we should only go to court if we are fighting for our lives against the state. For instance if the Police or the overzealous civil servant or agent of the State incarcerates us, I believe that we have a duty to fight for our lives under this condition as a follow up to prayer and fasting for the intervention of the Most High. Besides this, I have sworn never to fight for my right. If you wrong me, I keep going and I pray to God to prevent me from ever running to court to seek redress for any perceived wrong. In effect, God is enough to fight for us always. Amen.

PRAY you are able to stay glued to the Lord God always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 94-96; Romans 15:14-33

AUGUST 17TH ALL THINGS LEGAL BUT NOT HELPFUL

RESD 1 Corinthians 6:12 "Everything is permissible (allowable and lawful) for me; but not all things are helpful (good for me to do, expedient and profitable when considered with other things). Everything is lawful for me, but I will not become the slave of anything or be brought under its power."

The focus of today's Scriptural verse is to be seen in the truth as well as fact that although many things may be lawful for me to do in that they violate not the Laws of man, they may violate the Laws of God and may in the ultimate violate the Law of my person and wellbeing. For instance, smoking is legal and any who wants to, [provided it is done in the open and not in the public places like hotels, airplanes, stadiums and the likes] may embark on same. Yet, it is injurious to one's health no doubt. Even when we know this truth, some still indulge in the practice. It is lawful for any to divorce his or her spouse on any legally approved grounds provided one can prove same in a court of competent jurisdiction. Yet the Bible clearly forbids divorce of any kind except on adulterous ground. Even then this is to be understood as the spouse not being repentant of his or her adultery. So the point is clearly made-although we live in the world we are not of the world. As a result, we should not be governed by the world's standard of living but by the divinely setout laws of the Living God. We should be able to distinguish what is clearly permissible from what is better expedient to us all in the Faith and so behave.

PRAY the Lord so blesses and keeps you unto Himself now and forevermore, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 97-99; Romans 16

AUGUST 18TH WHY THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE

READ 1 Corinthians 6:16 "Or do you not know and realize that when a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? The two, it is written, shall become one flesh."

The matrimonial clause being referred to here has to do with the marriage or union between two opposite persons in marriage. I have to stress two opposite beings in the context of today's same sex marriage or civil living together. The point is God Who ordained marriage has in view the union of two mature and adult male and female for the purposes of living together forever and raising a family of their own in line with the purposes of God Almighty. Nevertheless, there are abuses to every God ordained process and Laws enacted in our interest. It is this abuse that is being focused essentially here as once we move into a woman or a woman goes in to with a man for sexual conjugation, whether or not they are married according to the Laws of God or of man, the truth is they are one for this very purpose. There is no greater intimacy in this earth as naturally ordained than the sexual. As a result, even on science and other facts, the two are in union. This explains why a person infected with any sexually transmitted disease that mates with another risks the possibility of being infected unless protected. On the spiritual, it is even worse than that as the innate being of the person is taken on in the sexual act. Look at it this way. The consecration of an acid or a bottle of Coke is watered down by the volume of extra

materials or chemical brought into it. Thus, if you are of the best spiritual capability, your sexual intercourse outside of your matrimony will pollute your level of consecration. This is the point being highlighted here.

PRAY you are governed by His rules and regulations of living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 100-102; 1 Corinthians 1

AUGUST 19TH STOP SINNING AGAINST YOUSELF NOW

READ 1 Corinthians 6:18 "Shun immorality and all sexual looseness [flee from impurity in thought, word, or deed]. Any other sin which a man commits is one outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body."

Without any iota of doubt at all, all sins and sinning are outside of the body of the sinner. For instance, when you steal you don't even steal from yourself let alone personally affecting you internally. Or when you refuse to live the other person as yourself or when you lie against the other person, your body person or your being internally is not directly involved under every normal circumstance. But this is not the case with sexual immorality. Whether in thought, act or deeds, sexual immorality is basically internal. It is the coming together of the internal persons of the actors. There is no way you will be romantically involved with a person without your bodies being intimately involved. Whether it is kissing which we can classify as mere or necking or the likes, the two bodies are intimately involved. When it comes to the real sexual acts, we know that the two sexual organs as we know them must interrelate and closely too. This is what is being focused here. Sexual intercourse is meant to be the deepest expression of the emotions of the one person for the other and they are knitted together in the sexual expression and acts. If for instance you are satanically possessed or you are mated with one who is; whether or not I want to believe it you are involved to that extent in Satanism my own spiritual immunity notwithstanding. It is in this way that one sins against oneself. In case of sexually transmitted disease, the effect is easily noticeable as one infects the other. So why wound your person? Why kill your antibodies because of momentary enjoyment of folly? Why must you mate with the evil one or even mate outside of righteousness? You have been warned and reminded once again today. I pray God empowers you to mate only righteously always. Amen.

PRAY you are enabled to live righteously in His Righteousness

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 103-104; 1 Corinthians 2

AUGUST 20TH HONORING AND GLORIFYING GOD IN YOUR BODY

READ 1 Corinthians 6:20 "You were bought with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for, made His own]. So then, honor God and bring glory to Him in your body."

As true believers and faithful of the Almighty God in Christ Jesus, we are all purchased with the Precious Blood of the Lamb Who alone takes away all the sins of the world from before the

foundation of the earth. This is what it means to be born again in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our bodies and being are no longer ours as we have given up our old bodies when we received Christ Jesus. We now have in us the Body of Christ Jesus. In effect, Jesus lives in us all individually and corporately. We do not and are supposed not to live again unto ourselves. As our bodies now house the Lord as His holy Temple, it pertains to us not to bring His Temple that is us into disrepute. While it is bad enough mating with unrighteous partners even in an otherwise righteous marriage, it is worse mating unrighteously with unrighteous mate outside matrimony. For this reason and on this ground, the body or the Temples of God that is our bodies are dishonored. Whereas he who mates righteously with a righteous mate in a righteous matrimony and in a righteous setting glorifies and honors the Lord Who has right to our bodies now having bought us off from our earlier slave master the same that is sin in Satan; we are now of the Lord Jesus and should so behave always. Let us from today live to glorify the Lord God of the heavens and righteously honor Him in our bodily Temples of His always.

PRAY you will earnestly honor Him today and always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 105-106; 1 Corinthians 3

AUGUST 21ST WHAT USE IS OUR ALWAYS HAVING THE POOR WITH US?

READ John 12:8 "You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me."

There is an inherent truth that is hidden in this masterpiece. You will recollect that here the apostles thought it was a better attitude to attend to the poor and the needy which is ordinarily true, good, and desirable but not under every circumstance. In the case in point, it is more honorable and worthy to honor the Lord God Himself always. As indicated here by the Savior Himself, the time was running out for Him as He had to complete the works His Father Who is God and Lord of all and based in heaven had given to Him. In specific details, He had to make haste to die on the Cross as preordained for Him. Besides, the anointing upon His head then by the sinful woman to say the least was more than ordinary. It was done in honor of His imminent death then. I would be surprised if the woman who lavished the ointment of Him knew this much. Whether or not she realized the full import of her action, it was best. Only a few people in Scripture obtained the kind of remark given her. Of her as seen in other Scripture it was said that she had done all she could and wherever the Scripture is preached, that which she had done would be mentioned. Let us even assume the apostles as a whole meant well and were motivated for the good of the needy. But which is better-to do the will of God in any given instance or to do good to the needy even when it was not the will of the Father? Obviously, doing the Father's will is the most righteous thing and acceptable to Him always. There can be no good doing outside of His will. In answer to the question that forms the topic of this Scriptural piece we say it is of use in the sense that we can always be good to them at the auspicious time. So the need for urgency is not theirs but the effective doing of His will. Alleluia.

PRAY you will always act in accordance to His will

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 107-109; 1 Corinthians 4

AUGUST 22ND BINDING YOUR UNBELIEF

READ Acts of the Apostles 12:16 "But meanwhile Peter continued knocking and when they opened the gate and saw him, they were amazed."

Even though we are faithing in Him truly and are His faithful followers truly, there are instances when unbelief comes over us not because we limit His power and prowess, but for amazement. This is not the kind of unbelief that came on the Priest Zachariah that made the angel Gabriel to pronounce a curse of deafness on him. We are here talking of being overjoyed in the Lord for the expectation we have been hoping and praying for; but which on manifestation we think we are still dreaming. The Psalter addresses this important issue when he notes that by the time the Lord our God brings His promises to manifestation, believers would think as if it was not real, although it is certainly real. This was the position form the disciples who although were praying to God for the freedom of the apostle Peter and hoping their prayers were answered, yet were too stunned to accept the reality when it finally came up. The apostle Peter you will recall was miraculously freed by His powerful angel and asked to move away from the prison vicinity. On getting to where the brethren were assembled, they refused to believe the announcement by the Rhoda of a youngster claiming she was perhaps seeing the angel of Peter. But the persistence of the knocking of the very apostle woke them up from the slumber of unbelief even in amazement. Today, I pronounce the Lord will always amaze you so much you will think you are already translated into Glory. Be blessed in Him always, amen.

PRAY you are righteously and joyously amazed in the Glory of the Father

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 110-112; 1 Corinthians 5

AUGUST 23RD NOT UNDERSTANDING AND COMPREHENDING HIS WORD AT FIRST

READ John 12:16 "His disciples did not understand and comprehend the meaning of these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified and exalted, they remembered that these things had been written about Him and has been done to Him."

It is a common saying in the secular world that hindsight is the teacher of foresight, meaning that we would always know exactly what the situation refers to at the end of the whole event. One reason why the priests and leaders of the days of Jesus killed Him was their inability to fathom Scripture that He had two advents the first being the worse of the two in which He was to die and suffer for mankind. Put another way, they stubbornly disallowed the Holy Spirit to minister to them. Rather, they were complacent in their reading of the meaning of Scripture. This is one pitfall you and I must avoid if we must abide in the Faith. Every day; every instance; every teaching opportunity of His is the learning period and only those who are humble enough to sit at His feet any time and at all times will learn. Take the case of the apostle Peter and his understanding of Old Testament canon of clean and unclean things. Until the Holy Spirit

ministered to him, he was like the other Jews who thought that salvation only belongs to the Jews. The same was true of all other apostles who had to learn from his own experience as well as the testimony of the apostle Paul. Herein lies the truth of today. No matter our level of understanding; no matter how much of His revelation we have been given; no matter how much of Scripture we have taken in truly, we are still being taught daily by His Holy Spirit. May you never outgrow His teaching in your life, amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in Him always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 113-115; 1 Corinthians 6

AUGUST 24TH WHY THE WHOLE WORLD WILL RUN AFTER CHRIST JESUS

READ John 12:19 "Then the Pharisees said among themselves, You see how futile your efforts are and how you accomplish nothing. See! The whole world is running after Him!"

Here in the Scriptural piece of today, the arch enemies of Jesus and His worst antagonists all agreed the whole world was running after Jesus when it was only the Jewish world that was involved then. But being God's own chosen, God allowed His Spirit to minister through them just as the High Priest of His days Caiaphas prophesied it was right and appropriate that one should die for the people. How I wish they are living today to see how the world is just beginning to running after Jesus; yet it is just the beginning. As to why the whole world would run after Him and even you, it will only be possible if it is so designed by God even before the foundation of the earth and if it is time. No matter how much we wish time will adjust itself in our favor, it doesn't work out that way. For everything under the sun there is a time set by the Lord. At the set time to honor and proclaim you, God will pronounce His name upon you and all would seek and worship God in you. My advice to us all is to wait for our time and reconcile ourselves to His purposive will for us all. Mine is certainly different from yours as yours is different from mine for which purpose we are differently enabled and called. It is well with you amen.

PRAY you are this knowledgeably blessed in His Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 116-118; 1 Corinthians 7:1-19

AUGUST 25TH WHEN GOD WILL DO EXTRAORINARY AND UNUSAL MIRACLES THROUGH YOU

READ Acts of the Apostles 19:11 "And God did unusual and extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul."

Let us be clear about the operative word in the topic as well as the verse itself. It is not Paul at all as it could have been anybody in His Grace. The operative expression it is God Who works His way through any be it man or animal. Remember the donkey of Balaam the prophet who made nonsense of the senseless prophet who enthroned profit and the unrighteous one over God's work and will. Also remember the fig tree which would not provide food at its season and was forbidden from ever producing. Also to be noted are the various lions used in Old Testament Scripture to obey God one of which was the one which found and slayed the young prophet

from Judah who prophesied to king Jeroboam in 1 Kings 13. The point I am making is God uses just anything and any person to fulfill His purpose; after all He made all and sustains us all. The Jordan you will remember saw Him and fled as well as the Sea of Reeds. This is not to talk of Sinai which quaked uncontrollably when it hosted the Lord of lords and the King of kings. So when God uses you, it is not because you are anything special even though you are not without His righteousness. So, first be level headed as you humble yourself before Him. Secondly and perhaps more importantly, acknowledge His power. If you read through Scripture particularly Act of the Apostles, you will see the many times people ascribed to Paul God's being which he promptly repudiated confessing he was a mere man like every other person. This is the secret of His using you and making known through you His many works. You are blessed most affectionately always, amen.

PRAY you will know you are human after all

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 119:1-88; 1 Corinthians 7:20-40

AUGUST 26TH ALL YE NATIONS! ALL YE PEOPLE! PRAISE THE LORD GOD

READ Psalm 117:1 "O PRAISE the Lord, all you nations! Praise Him, all you people."

In this devotional more than any I have been graced in His power to write, I have had cause to sermon as it were on the need to praise God Almighty for whatever reason and in whatever situation we may find ourselves. It was not as if I planned it at all. No. God knows this is not the case. But what I am led to do is to jot down Bible passages the year before I start to write as I read the Bible for the year. Thereafter I come to terms with my jotting and I write as so contained therein. I have no regret at all for having been led to so write. As a matter of truth, I am most blessed in all these writings as I am the best recipient of any and all things God has ever moved me to write. Having said this much, what is the focus of today's ministration? It is that in whatever situation we find ourselves; in whatever place we may be placed; whoever we may be and at whatever time and timing we should adequately loudly and vocally praise the Lord God. This time not for specific good He has done us and is still doing us, but just because it is the most righteous thing to do. It is in this connection that the Scriptural verse of today is most relevant. It admonishes all nations of the earth by whatever name and placement, and all peoples of the earth whose root is found in the first man Adam to praise the Lord God Almighty. It goes further as this need is reiterated that we should praise. This reminds me of that popular hymnal title and chorus if I am not mistaken emphasize Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise the Everlasting King. We need say no more. Indeed, we should all praise Him always and all the time if time will permit us all. Amen.

PRAY you will never ever stop praising Him Who is dwelled in the heavenly

HIS BLOOD HIS FLSEH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 119:89-176; 1 Corinthians 8

AUGUST 27TH FURTHER REASONS FOR PRAISING THE LORD GOD ALWAYS

READ Psalm 117:2 "For His mercy and loving-kindness are great towards us, and the truth and faithfulness of the Lord endure forever. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah)."

As opposed to the no reason whatever for praising the Lord in our discussions of yesterday, we are given here enough reasons additional to all those already listed and examined why we all have to praise the Lord ALWAYS. Here we see first His love expressed variously in our lives as loving-kindness and mercy. What really is loving-kindness? As seen to an observing mind, it is formed from two independent words love, from which we have loving; and kind from which we have kindness. Thus, loving kindness combines as it is the two meanings together in one-the act of continually and continuously loving us. It is His continual show of His love towards us. It is as if His expression of love is not enough in His sight. As a result, He adds His kindness in a continuum. Thus if for whatever reason He wants to withhold loving us and not His love for us; His kindness which is the act of just being good to us regardless of our state of sinfulness will not allow Him. Of course, you should by now know that His mercy is the core of His love to us. This so for except He overlooks our numerous sinfulness, He can't even bestow His love on us. Next we have His truth and faithfulness; two closely related characteristics of His that can't make Him to lie or to ever go back on His Word once conceived not to talk of when vocalized already. What is more, these characteristics of His are everlasting as He Himself is. For these alone we owe Him perpetual praises. Amen.

PRAY He is known to you for His goodness

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 120-122; 1 Corinthians 9

AUGUST 28TH YET EXAMIMNG GIVING HIM THANKS

READ Psalm 118:1 "O GIVE thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever!"

Without being unnecessarily semantic, even though it is no sin doing so, it is necessary to examine the difference if any between giving thanks to the Lord and praising the Lord. I want to believe there is a thin line between these words. There is no way one can really praise God outside of thanking Him; and there is no way He is to be thanked without one stressing internally at least His praises. Since we have talked exhaustively on praising Him and singing out His praises, we would, given the limit of time here concentrate only on what thanking the Lord consists of. To thank is to show appreciation for the good done one. Praising one and indeed God may not necessarily involve a specific good He has done one. But just praising Him for He is worth and for His Being. When we thank, we have in mind specific good done us just as when we are vengeful we remember the evil specifically done us directly or indirectly. No one will talk vengeance on another in general term. No. Further, people are vengeful based on specific harm done them. In the same manner, thanking the Lord involves specifying and appreciating specific good done to us. It is from this that we have what we call thanksgiving and we set out time for specific thanks on a regularly basis for our members. No sane members will come out and say I thank God without specifying why; nor will any sane person come out repeatedly weekly to just

continue to thanking God for the same reason he had been coming out previously. Even if he or she does that, the church will soon thin out on him or her for not saying anything new. We conclude that thanksgiving and thanking the Lord have to do with specific goods He God has done us for which we are appreciative.

PRAY you can distinguish between both

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 123-125; 1 Corinthians 10:1-18

AUGUST 29TH ONE SPECIFIC REASON FOR THANKING HIM

READ Psalm 118:5 "Out of my distress I called upon the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free and in a large place."

As a follow up to what we have been discussing particularly yesterday, here is a specific reason for thanking the Lord God. The Psalter here acknowledges that he was distressed. We all know what it is to be distressed. Whether we like it or not, distress is part of our life and living. Being born again is no immunity against being occasionally distressed. There is little or nothing one can do to ward this off. But we all have a choice as to how we respond to distressing situations. Rather than succumbing to distress, the Psalter here like the apostle and King David when the Amalekites took all he and his followers had away in captivity chose to call on His Lord and God. In that incident as recorded in 1 Samuel 30, it was noted that David encouraged himself in the Lord his God. Here also this Psalter called on the Lord in this specific instance of distress and true to his expectation, the Lord heard him and set him free from the distressing captivity. More than this, He the Lord in answering his distress call, placed him in a large place. Perhaps he was in a lower place prior to his distress or something of the like. Like the prophet Joseph who was in prison and there from he became the second most powerful man in a nation in which he was a stranger; indeed, a slave. For this he too was specifically thankful to the Lord. Praise the Lord God today and always, amen.

PRAY you will ever be thankful to the Lord for His goodness on us all

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 126-128; 1 Corinthians 10:19-33

AUGUST 30TH WHY BE AFRAID WHEN GOD IS ON YOUR SIDE?

READ Psalm 118:6 "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

There is the need to faith in the Lord especially when the Lord God is on our side. There is no denying the truth not just the fact that this world is based on faithing whether on God or outside of God. Whether we like it or not, we live on chances, that is to put it in the secular way. As I am writing now and sitting on my chair, the possibility is there for me to collapse and die; the chair itself can give way and indeed the entire decking if there is a landslide not to talk of an earthquake. When we sleep there is every possibility we would never ever wake up again. Yet, this does not prevent us from sleeping. Or let us consider the plane which can crash in a

moment. Despite this we all travel by air if and when we can afford it and take the risk. For us who are born again and truly believe in and live in the Faith, we do not need to worry what comes next. We do not know tomorrow. But we know that Jesus has tomorrow and every other day in His hands. Thus, because of Jesus Christ our Savior I am confident that no evil can come upon me. Even if what the world terms evil is allowed to come on me, it is for my good in the ultimate. Isaiah 57 expressly attests to this in verse 1 of same. So why worry when you can pray? Why worry when you have Jesus the Savior on your side? Relax and always see the salvation which the Lord will show in your life and has been showing even before you are conscious of Him. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in His knowledge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 129-131; 1 Corinthians 11:1-16

AUGUST 31ST WHEN THE LORD WILL HELP YOU AND NOT LET YOU FALL

READ Psalm 118:13 "You [my adversary] thrust sorely at me that I might fall, but the Lord helped me."

Whether we know it or not, He that keeps Israel does not sleep. In the same way, He Who keeps all believers in particular does not and cannot sleep. Take for instance the case of Mordecai. Are you aware that Mordecai was fast asleep while God made the emperor from whom they were to seek his life on the morrow to suffer insomnia? If Mordecai was aware and had sought the face of the Lord we would have said his prayer and supplications turned the tide in his favor. But here was a man who was fast asleep and planning for tomorrow while his enemy was busy erecting his gallows. But praise the Lord, God fought for Him. The Lord will do just this and more for you today. Or take the case of Joseph mentioned not too far away. He was languishing in the jail, having given up on all hopes of reprieve through the King's servant. Just then, God gave the King a dream concerning his future which He also deprived him of finding the meaning. Remember that God from ancient times had gifted Joseph with dream interpretation and administration. At the same time, God made the cupbearer to remember him. The result is his triumph. Joseph you want to be reminded had no hands in his freedom just as he had no had in his incarceration. You will prosper enormously in the Lord today and always. Amen.

PRAY you will be still

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 132-134; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

SEPTEMBER 1ST KNOWING THE GAINS OF THE UNCOMPROMISINGLY RIGHTEOUS

READ Psalm 118:15 "The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents and private dwellings of the [uncompromisingly] righteous: the right hand of the Lord does valiantly and achieves strength!"

We all know by now that anything the Bible says is the truth and it cannot be violated. Simple! It is in this regards that we want to examine what the Bible says are few of the gains of being uncompromisingly righteous. But first what is being uncompromisingly righteous? To be righteous is to be covered by the blood of the Lamb and to walk in His ways. Not to be compromising in this context is never agreeing to wave aside the Laws of God even if life is involved. Once we are rigidly righteous, we would not compromise our righteousness. Christ was asked severally to compromise His Righteousness. The three recorded temptations of Satan of the Lord were indeed requests for Him to compromise His righteousness. Thrice He refused to be bought over. On the cross, He was again asked to come down by using His power of godship to overturn the cross. He refused and He brought to Himself and His Father the deserved joy. The three Hebrews who refused to bow down to the image of the then emperor as well as their leader Daniel who refused not to pray as usual were uncompromisingly righteous. Not even the threat of death was enough to cut them off. They were prepared to suffer the worst punishment in the course of defending their belief. The gains here mentioned among others include but not limited to joy the same that is expressed here as the voice of rejoicing as they go from one success in victorious living into the other. Next is the recognition of the right hand of God valiantly being with them in all their endeavors. Why not resolve to live uncompromisingly righteous now and forever more!

PRAY you are uncompromisingly righteous throughout

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 135-136; 1 Corinthians 12

SEPTEMBER 2ND I SHALL NOT DIE

READ Psalm 118:17 "I shall not die but live, and shall declare the works and recount the illustrious acts of the Lord."

Here is a proclamation of faith in the Lord declaring God's purpose in one's life. I have always maintained and taught that the righteous saints must not be taken aback by anything particularly death. In Amos 3:8 it is stated categorically that the Lord of hosts will do nothing without first intimating His prophets of whom you and I are one. It was in this connection that God in Genesis 18 had to intimate Abraham with the impending destruction of Sodom and its nearby cities. Abraham himself knew when he was to die as well as Jacob, Joseph, and other patriarchs. They just didn't die like that. They planned for their death and put their houses in order. In the New Testament, Jesus severally told His disciples the kind of death He would die and what awaited Him thereafter. Peter told his listeners he would soon be leaving the cloak of the flesh. The apostle Paul was no exception. Thus, if the Psalter here proclaims he is not going to die but live to express and proclaim God's illustrious acts and doings in his life, He meant it. Regardless of what the enemies of your soul decree for you, you will not die nor will anything of God in you die ahead of your translation. Be this assured. Your joy, good, health, wealth, and posterity not just prosperity shall not die. Rather, the will of God for your life shall be fulfilled to the uttermost in Jesus Mighty and holy name amen.

PRAY you will not be frightened or stampeded into anything unholy

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 137-139; 1 Corinthians 13

SEPREMBER 3RD CONFESSING THE PRAISES AND THANKS OF THE LORD GOD

READ Psalm 118:21 "I will confess, praise, and give thanks to You, for You have heard and answered me; and You have become my salvation and Deliverer. "

We are here reminded once again as if we have forgotten that the need is always there to profess and make known in testimony the praises of our God as we thank Him for His all over our lives. We need not understand what He is doing in our lives. It is enough to faith in Him as we repose our unflinching and unfailing trust in Him. King David never knew that the Amalekites exploit in his temporary abode in the Philistines land was going to be the last before his ascension to the throne promised him. He never even knew he was that closer to the fulfillment of His promise. Yet, he strengthened himself in his Lord and God and asked Him the next move. In the same vein and within the same context, he never knew that the Philistines' lords' refusal of his accompanying them to the war that was to kill his arch enemy King Saul was the last King Saul would fight. Yet, King David praised the Lord God for sending him back and restraining him from shedding the blood of God's anointed. In the same way, I will certainly not know all that God is doing in my life. He remains the only positive Enigma in our Faith. Hence we have to faith in Him religiously and praise Him in every situation. In the end we will realize that He is good and can only be so forever and ever. I do not know nor do I care to know your present challenges. The truth is you will have the Present Help Who is God Almighty fighting your wars for you. You should just hold your peace and be quiet.

PRAY you are silent and faithful

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 140-142; 1 Corinthians 14:1-20

SEPTEMBER 4TH SAVE FATHER, SEND PROSPERITY NOW, AND GIVE SUCCESS

READ Psalm 118:25 "Save now, we beseech You, O Lord; send now prosperity, O Lord, we beseech You, and give us success!"

We give glory and honor to God Almighty for He is good and most good really and His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever. We are not serving the Lord God Who only dishes our commands without actually taking our interest into account. As a matter of divine truth, all God's commandments are geared towards the realization of His best for each of us. After all we never conceived of creating ourselves. Having found ourselves in the world of sins and of sorrow, it is His plans for us to be who and what He alone has fashioned for us and there is nothing any of us can attain or achieve on our own except through His permissive will or decree. So we are most blessed to know and the same is here reiterated that not only is our heaven guaranteed, but even here on earth, He has decreed prosperity now as well as giving us success. Success you know is the opposite of failure. Failure itself is not being accomplished in anything

one is set upon. For any and all who makes success of his endeavor, he is successful. Thus, God has assured all faithful that according to His own purposively will for us all, we would be a success and be prosperous here on earth fulfilling our purpose while at the same time having our heaven assured. For this reason Jesus came and put it plainly why He had come-that we may have life and have and enjoy it in abundance. Glorify the Lord here now in this blessed assurance, alleluia.

PRAY you will be ready alert in His blessed assurance for you here and then thereafter

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 143-145; 1 Corinthians 14: 21-40

SEPTEMBER 5TH KNOWING THAT THE LORD IS GOD

READ Psalm 118:27 "The Lord is God, Who has shown and given us light [He has illuminated us with grace, freedom, and joy]. Decorate the festival with leafy boughs and bind the sacrifice to be offered with thick cords [all over the priest's court, right up] to the horns of the altar."

There is the need for us in all situations we find ourselves and in which we live our lives to acknowledge and recognize God as God and Lord not just of our lives but of all living be they animals, trees, plants, man and even angelic beings. Next we should celebrate Him in our all. There is no alternative to celebrating the Lord as God and Lord of our lives. There are a number of ways these celebrations can and should be done acceptably to Their Excellencies. Some of these are listed here which should be adapted to our own culture and environments albeit righteously though. Having given us light especially in the metaphorical sense, we should bask in these freedom, grace, and joy by decorations in the physical. In Susan which was the capital of the Emperor Ahasuerus, the Medo-Persian Empire, there were buntings which were used to decorate the Palace and streets as the King and Emperor celebrated his reign. Even in Israel's celebration right from the wilderness, there were various colors recommended by Their Excellencies for the celebration of His Presence among them. Some of these are purple, blue, red, yellow and white to mention just a few. In specific terms, we are here enjoined through the Israelites to make leafy boughs and bind the sacrifice we are offering to Him with thick cords round about His altar. In short, we are commended to do all that is righteous to celebrate His Being in our midst never minding the cost both in terms of time and expenses. Why? It is because it is worth it. Anything and all things done in the honor of our Lord God as we celebrate Him is worthy of it; after all He owns all and graciously bequeaths all to us all. Blessed be His Holy name now and forever more alleluia, amen.

PRAY you will always celebrate His Excellency with your all although in all righteousness

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 146-147; 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

SEPTEMBER 6TH CONFESSING AND PRAISING THE LORD GOD FROM THE HEART

READ Psalm 118:28 "You are my God, and I will confess, praise, and give thanks to You; You are my God, I will extol you."

It is one thing to be forced to confess the Lord. It is another matter to find oneself confessing Him from the bottom of one's heart. I have in mind here today the kind of confession that follows God proving Himself anew in our lives. Take for example the kind of rejoicing that followed the Lord's parting of the Red Sea as seen in Exodus 15. It was spontaneous; it was momentary; it was total; and it was joyous. It was almost unprecedented in the life of the emerging nation then. Or take for instance the kind of celebration of the Almighty when the three Jews sent into the burning furnace came out smiling before the very foe who had thought the fire was the end for them. You will never imagine the kind of joy that pervaded the minds of the faithful then; or when Daniel was brought out alive from the den of the hungry and starving lions that refused to make a mince meat of the prince of the Lord God. These are the kinds of confessions I am talking about here. The list is endless. What of the over-joyous brethren who will not believe Peter had been set free by the Lord God they had been praying unto for same but would rather said it was his spirit until proven otherwise? You too have a lot of these revelations of testimonies in your life but the truth is these kinds of testimonies do not come up until we have reached the last of our wits. That is the truth. Can you imagine the kind of joy present in the house of the Abrahams' when God gave then laughter inform of Isaac! May the Lord continually fill your mouths today with His confessions and testimonials in no small measure in Jesus Mighty and holy name, amen.

PRAY you will spontaneously confess and witness Hi Holy name in your life always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Psalm 148-150; 1 Corinthians 15:29-58

SEPTEMBER 7TH KNOWING THE JOY OF NEVER MARRYING

READ 1 Corinthians 7:1 "NOW AS to the matters of which you wrote me. It is well [and by that I mean advantageous, expedient, profitable, and wholesome] for a man not to touch a woman [or cohabit with her] but to remain unmarried."

Of a truth I had been married for forty years by the time you are reading this piece and I have been most blessed in my marriage one way or the other. I have also come to realize that it would have been better for me if I had never been married for the work of the Lord. I had, had difficult times in my marriage simply because I wanted to do and actually went on to do the orders of the Lord with my spouse not cooperating at all. I am not reporting her nor am I condemning her. God sees my heart. But many times in my heart I had confessed if I knew marriage was this bad and difficult, I would have opted out of same or better still I would have preferred that I was emasculated right from birth. It has been so difficult convincing my spouse about the Words and commandments of God for me as a full time minister and servant of His. Many times I couldn't and dare not tell her whom God had sent me to assist even when they are of the same sex with me. No, I never dare to. Can you imagine my own children being at home for none payment of school fees like 200,000.00 then and me giving out just like 30,000.00 naira to another parent, a male parent who is not even of our assembly but a neighbor because I was schooled and I knew that doing that would open ways up for me even when I had severally

taught her this revelation from Scripture! Or when God ordered me to give up my three bedrooms flat for God following a near fatal incident in which the entire family was attacked by armed robbers in day light on Ibadan- Lagos Express Way! You would never imagine what I went through. No doubt the apostle Paul is quite right that he who is married will be concerned by things of the spouse as opposed to one who is not whose concern would be things of the Lord. But like the Lord Jesus Christ taught in Matthew 19, this is a tough doctrine and only those who can bear it should endeavor into same. In the main time, enjoy your marriage in the name of the Lord God.

PRAY you find joy in your marriage as destined for you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 1-2; 1 Corinthians 16

SEPTEMBER 8TH BUT FOR TEMPTATION AND IMPURITY, GET MARRIED

READ 1 Corinthians 7:2 "But because of the temptation to impurity and to avoid immorality, let each [man] have his own wife and let each [woman] have her own husband."

Temptation is being urged to do that which you are not supposed to do. It is being lured into all unrighteousness. At some points in life, we mature and our hormones prompt us into certain desires. God does not intend these desires that are righteously implanted in us to ruin us or militate against us. As a matter of truth He had designed them for our good and enjoyment no doubt. Remember He declared in His Son Jesus Christ that He had come to give us life and for us to enjoy same most pleasantly. But there is this tendency of always acting outside of His righteousness. I have known the joy of happy married life including but not limited to blissful sexual life that is very active. I have equally known the bitter taste of having a wife as if one never had any with the attendant denial of marital sex for years. At times as these, the temptation to go out for that which one had righteously enjoyed and lived with habitually is always there. But if it pleases God to deny one this bit of marital bliss, who are we to question or query Him? Instead, we ask for enablement to bear the yoke. The point is when maturity in the human self sets in, one is better off to have one's own marital partner and enjoy marital bliss including but not limited to sex with one's partner only giving room to denial as biblically allowed and commanded. To do otherwise is to run into temptation. Coming into temptation is bad enough. Running into same head-on is disastrous. Save us from this O Lord. Go get married. You break no law of God by being righteously married. Amen.

PRAY you are who He has purposed you to be

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 3-5; 1 Corinthians 1

SEPTEMBER 9TH GET MARRIED TO WHOEVER SUBJECT TO THE WILL OF GOD

READ 1 Corinthians 7:14 "For the unbelieving husband is set apart (separated, withdrawn from heathen contamination, and affiliated with the Christian people) by union with his(consecrated set apart) wife, and the unbelieving wife is set apart and separated through

union with her consecrated husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean (unblessed heathen, outside the Christian covenant), but as it is they are prepared for God [pure and clean]."

The point of Scripture here is the truth that it is better not to be unequally mated or be involved in mismatched mating in a marriage. It is the same thing as saying it is not at all prudent for one to be mis-mated in any marriage. A mis-mated marriage is one in which the two partners in the marriage are from different religions; or better still different denominations of the same religion. Any marriage is never devoid of its own accompanying challenges. This is much in itself. To now add to this cumbersome circumstance by bringing religious dogmatism when it is avoidable is the issue at stake. The position is as much as it is possible, this should be avoided. Even then, it is not the Law of God so to be. It is more of an advice by one who is godly blessed in His revelation. Consider the fact that one major problem of Moses in his ministration was this issue of mis-mated matrimony. The wife Zipporah was a Medianitess with different religious belief from the Jews from which Moses came. She refused to cooperate with him in matters of His God so much that she termed the God of Moses a bloody One as seen in chapter 4 of Exodus. Chances are that this would have been avoided were she to be a Jewess. This accounted for her being sent packing with her two sons from the wilderness by Moses. She had to be returned by the father Jethro. Eventually she was killed in all probabilities by God for her intransigence prompting Moses to remarry. Peradventure you are pleased to marry whoever, please go ahead, but be prepared for the inevitable consequences even if God permits you so to do. Praise the Lord God, amen.

PRAY you are guided aright in all matters of matrimony

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 6-7; 2 Corinthians 2

SEPTEMBER 10TH YOU MAY BE DIVORCED BY THE UNBELIEVING PARTNER IN MARRIAGE

READ 1 Corinthians 7:15 "But if the unbelieving partner [actually] leaves, let him do so; in such [cases the remaining] brother or sister is not morally bound. But God has called us to peace."

The truth of Scripture for the believer and I mean the faithful who is uncompromisingly righteous is that we should not divorce once married unless death do us part. Besides the Bible says we can divorce on the ground of adultery. But if the entire knowledge of Scripture is taken into consideration where we are admonished not to stop forgiving any and all who offend us for 70 times 70 times in a day, it becomes clear we can't even divorce on this ground as long as the offending partner is repentant after each offence. But there is a proviso here for us all- if any is married to an unbeliever and he or she is pleased to live with this spouse, he or she commits no offense. Should that unbeliever leaves not the believer leaving him or her; the believer is then set free from the covenant of marriage to this unbeliever and could in that case remarry. This then is the only ground for which all true believers can be divorced. What this means is the truth of the believer never being able to initiate or see to the end a divorce petition as long as the

partner lives. But where the unbelieving partner leaves, we are free. But why marry an unbeliever in the first instance! You're blessed in the Lord God Almighty, alleluia.

PRAY you are there for the Lord in His purposive will for you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 8-9; 2 Corinthians 3

SEPTEMBER 11TH LIVING HOLY IN YOUR CALLING

READ 1 Corinthians 7:18 "Was anyone at the time of his summons [from God] already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the evidence of circumcision. Was anyone at the time [God] called him uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised."

In summary, what the verse here is saying is being just as we are without one plea. No one needs be pretentious about his past by claiming what he was not or disclaiming what he had been in the past. It matters not as far as the Lord Who has known you all the while and Who alone has called you in your dishonorable state is so pleased with you. If He called you in your despicable state and sanctifies you for His glorious use ever more, what matters then is remaining in His sanctification not going the wrong and sinful way again. He knows your all including things you will do in the future yet unknown to you. As for the ministers of God over you, it matters not or should matter not for you to be pretentious to them or for them also to require your pretentions or cleverly force same on you. I always tell any who cares to listen what and who I was in the past. Indeed I have put them in some of my writings. Not that I am proud of this despicable past, but I glory in the Lord for calling me out of these mess that I was in and making a blessing out of me for His Glory. This will serve as motivation for all who are in worst situations and embolden then to faith in the Lord. It matters not where you are coming from. Where you are called into now and what you make of same are the issue. Praise the Lord God Almighty, alleluia.

PRAY you are faithful as you and just without one plea

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 10-12; 2 Corinthians 4

SEPTEMBER 12TH KNOWING THAT CIRCUMCISION IS NOTHING IN THE NEW COVENANT

READ 1 Corinthians 7:19 "For circumcision is nothing and counts as nothing, neither does uncircumcision, but [what counts is] keeping the commandments of God."

It may seem nonsensical, but the truth is that God in ages past and in the dispensations past was just making Himself known to the sons of men. As a result, there were things He allowed then as transitional in that they were actually the shadow of the reality in Jesus Who was then to come. As a result, there is no way they could stand the test of presentday reality in Christ Jesus. As noted in Romans 10:1ff, Christ Jesus was the end of all Laws as all Laws of God in the Old Testament dispensations point to Him Who was and is the Fulfillment of all types. He Himself declared He was and actually came to fulfill all Laws and the prophets. This is the point

at which today's text is better appreciated. In Old Testament times, circumcision was so crucial to being in the covenant of the Living God that any breach of same was to be met with death. But as soon as the Fulfillment Who was Jesus was birthed and manifested, there was no way circumcision which was a purely outward show of being covenanted could stand as what matters now is the circumcision of the heart. One has to be born again truly regardless of one's background and it makes no difference if one is externally circumcised or otherwise. The truth is God is now manifested as truly as He is-The Spirit and all who would serve and worship Him must so do in spirit and in truth. Laying claim to Jewish background is of no relevance to the righteousness that is in Christ Jesus Who alone is purchased for our redemption. Alleluia.

PRAY you are in the truth and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 13—15; 2 Corinthians 5

SEPTEMBER 13TH AM I IN THE PLACE OF GOD OR AM I PLAYING GOD?

READ Genesis 50:19 "And Joseph said to them, Fear not; for am I in the place of God? [Vengeance is His, not mine]."

There is no need for us all to be afraid of mere man who is but flesh and whose life is in the breath of his nostrils no matter how highly placed he or she may be. I am not saying we should not respect people in power who by virtue of their positions are lord over us. That is not the issue here really. What I am saying here in His power is there is no need for any of us to put on another the power and benefits that only belongs to God Almighty. Yes, being in a powerful position may subject us to unwarranted and untold problems if we do not adore them as they would wish. But the truth is only God Almighty is to be adored. Not even our pastors and ministers are to be so adored. You will remember that what prompted the warfare between the Jews in Sushan and Haman was Haman not being adored by Mordecai. Although it was a risky thing t do, Mordecai chose to worship only God as there was no point fearing one who can only kill the body but not the spirit and soul who are the real man. Indeed, we should fear and reverence Him Who after killing the body can put the souls in Gehena. The focus today is this. In whatever situation we may find ourselves, we should referentially fear God and not man. A minister of mine was to be sacked in the morning. He ran to God through me. God told him to go home as there was no point to worry about. By the time he got to the office in the morning, the managing director had been forced to resign overnight. The new helmsman promoted him that same day and gave him an official car even in a financially distressed bank. Who is then playing God? Fear not brethren.

PRAY you are fearful only of the Living God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 16-18; 2 Corinthians 6

SEPTEMBER 14TH GOD WILL PROVIDE AND SUPPORT YOU

READ Genesis "Now therefore, do not be afraid. I will provide for and support you and your little one. And he comforted them [imparting cheer, hope, strength] and spoke to their hearts [kindly]."

There is no doubt that God is the Provider for all that lives on the planet earth and indeed in the entire universe. Even His angelic hosts as myriads as they are all wait on Him. Nevertheless He uses various and varying ways to providing for all and indeed, He uses various and varying people to providing for His own. There is no doubt that God will never leave you unsupported. He will always raise up help for you wherever and whenever. The point is for you to recognize and acknowledge the hands of God in His provisions through His chosen vessel. You may have no hand in it at all. Even the chosen vessel may be oblivious of his being used righteously by God. The important thing is for you as ministers of God Almighty in Christ Jesus to appreciate and thank the Lord God while recognizing the vessel for who and what he is-instruments of righteousness, not Righteousness Himself. In the context we are discussing, the brethren of Joseph for their wickedness could not believe that God was using Joseph for His own purpose and end but would rather manipulate their way out of imagined trouble. But Joseph being godly to the core knew better than that as he promptly rejected any attempt to make him God but reduced himself to be of no worth beyond what God had placed in his care. In the same manner, I am assuring you that the Lord God Omnipotent will bless you and keep you as He daily loads you with His blessings from the heavenly places. So be of good cheers as you bless Him daily. Amen.

PRAY you are worthy of His use

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 19-21; 2 Corinthians 7

SEPTEMBER 15TH ABIDING IN CHRIST THE ONLY GUARANTEE OF BEING HIS DISCIPLE

READ John 8:31 "So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples."

Discipleship is followership; followership of the Great and Mighty Master, Jesus the Nazarene. Yet, not all who profess faith in Him are truly His. There are a lot of fakes in the fold all of whom He knows and is aware of. But we have to know as well. There are of course those who rightly think they are His disciples; who truly want to be; but who lamentably are not. Hence obedience forms the best way for discerning who truly is His disciple. Truly, followership is nothing but paying obedience to the Master. Paying obeisance to Him is the same thing as obeying His commandments without any reservation. In another way, discipleship is being able to subject our freewill to doing His will as opposed to our own desires. Of a truth, doing the will of the Lord is not at all easy. As a matter of truth, it is sometimes most difficult and precarious so to do. Yet, it must be done if only we are truly His. His own example in Gethsemane speaks volumes to our hearts. He came down from heaven to do His Father's will. Some minutes into this fulfillment, the reality stared Him in the face. Yet, He would not abdicate His responsibility. He sought His Father's permission to back out. No was the answer. And so He paid the supreme price as

ordained by His Father. For this He was exalted above all and above imagination and given a Name above every name so far named or would ever be named in this world or those to come. You will be adequately rewarded too if you will do His bidding to the end no matter what is the situation. Remain blessed in His Joy. Amen.

PRAY you will abide to the end gloriously

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 22-24; 2 Corinthians 8

SEPTEMBER 16TH REFUSE BEING SLAVE TO SIN AND SINNING

READ John 8:34 "Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Whoever commits and practices sin is the slave of sin."

What is slavery or put it straight, who is a slave in the real sense of the word? A slave and by implication slavery is being forced to do what one does not want to. It is the lack of the freedom to act as one would have desired under normal circumstance. A slave therefore is one who is so castrated. In the context of the Scripture we are examining, a slave is one who is under compulsion to obey any other apart from himself. Slavery here needs not be negatively conotated as one can be slave to God which is what obedience in its totality amounts to; but by the power of the most High. In normal ordinary slavery, the slave craves for freedom, but will never ever get same except help comes from somewhere outside of himself. In the context of Scripture, Christians are slaves to God Almighty and are most happy so to be since it is their desires to be subject to God and His will as destined for them. They know they can only do this by His power and earnestly crave for this. In this same context, there can be no free person who does his desire as you are either slave or servant to God with its positive implication of reward or you are slave to Satan through sin with its dire consequences of punishment both here and yonder. The point here is any who is slave to sin does not have the power to be free there from as he is compelled by the forces of Satan which dominate him to so act. But once born again truly, one is free from sin and its suffocating tendencies. I pray you are most free from sin from today in Jesus Mighty and Great name amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in the freedom that is Christ Jesus

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 22-24; 2 Corinthians 8

SEPTEMBER 16TH EXPERIENCING HIS LIBERATION TRULY

READ John 8:36 "So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are really and unquestionably free."

There is no doubt from our discussions yesterday that there is the need for all to see freedom or better put, divine liberation from the claws and clutches of sin in which all who comes into this earth, and indeed the universe is put involuntarily by the fallen event that took place in Eden the otherwise garden of delight. But just as we have posited yesterday, it is one thing to desire

freedom of any sort, it is another matter entirely having the means and power so to do. In many countries of the world, a lot of citizens don't have the government of their taste; but they have to live with this desire for as long as the means is made available for them. In the Scriptural context we are examining, the means has been provided even before the foundations of the earth and activated for all in the crucifixion of Christ at Calvary some two thousand years plus ago. He only is the Son through whom salvation and redemption is given to mankind. The Scripture says there is no other name that is given unto us sons of men here under the sun by which we can and should be saved safe the name of Jesus Christ. As the greatest of names now and in all ages to come, His freedom is total, absolute, and great. There is no greater power or force that can violate His freedom once given except you yourself want to go outside of this liberation as He is not given to forcing His will on any; for He must hold all to account at the end of this age. Thus, if Jesus as the Son of God will liberate you as He has liberated me, your liberation is total and I mean absolute. So what else are you waiting for today? Come right in and now too. You are blessed in His Liberation. Amen.

PRAY you will never force your way out of His liberation

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 25-26; 2 Corinthians 9

SEPTEMBER 17TH COMING OUT OF THE TRIBULATION OF SIN AND DEATH

READ Revelation 7:15 "For this reason they are [now] before the [very] throne of God and serve Him day and night in His sanctuary(temple); and He Who is sitting upon the throne will protect and spread His tabernacle over and shelter them with His presence."

Literally, this Bible verse refers to the tribulation period precedent to the millennium reign of the Lord God in the Savior of the world. But we can and we would appropriately apply it to the effects of sin and its attendant consequences in our lives. Ever from the time of the fall in Eden, there is no greater persecution for the human race than the reign of sin and death in our world owing to the power ceded to Satan in Eden. I had noted earlier in this Devotional that man enjoyed the best of God's delight in Eden. We are to enjoy same again after the end of Satan, sin, death, and Hades. Then the remaining human who will pass through the tribulation and millennium unscratched will live in the New Earth to do what Adam failed to do and so remain forever more. There will be no more death, sin, Hades and sorrows. There will be a restoration of pre-Eden fall bliss as the woman will give birth to fewer children since none will ever die and with less pains; the man as many as they would be will be supervisors in the world. They will know God since the ability not to do would have been taken away. As a matter of divine truth, death and dying would be news to them. For this reason they would go to a section of hell left opened to learn firsthand what sin and death had done to the human race in the past. Of course, those of us who have lived in the similitude of Adam but taken in Christ would be angelic in our being as we live with God and the Lamb in the New City. Over these natural humans we shall be lords and priests administering true worship of God to them. So to overcome death, sin, and Hades now and their persecutions is to accept Christ now and live Christly. Amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in Him here and forevermore

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 27-29; 2 Corinthians 10

SEPTEMBER 18TH KNOWING THE LAMB AS OUR SHEPHERD

READ Revelation 7:17 "For the Lamb Who is in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to the springs of the waters of life; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Further to our discussions of yesterday which theologians will term theological eschatology, we have another aspect of this part of the yet to be fulfilled prophecies of our Lord. Of a truth, in the New City, there will be no Temple or sun; not even the moon for they are not needed therein. Why? The Glory of God the Father and the Lamb will be enough to illuminate the entire twelve storey building that is 1500 kilometers long, high, and wide in a manner the entire power of the sun and moon combined a million fold can never be up to. There is no mention of the Holy Spirit therein. We can safely assume in all probabilities that He the Holy Spirit would be taken back into the Lord God as before His manifestation. Remember that for the fall of Adam in Eden there might have been no Jesus the Son of the Virgin Mary. He came to being as we know Him then because of the need of Redemption. Although the Holy Spirit had being ever since even before the fall in Eden, yet the function given Him now to seal the Church, His Church really until our full redemption would no longer be there as the Church as we know it now would have ascended into the heavenly in what we term rapture. The truth then is the Lamb of God is forever our Shepherd now and then. There is no substitute to Him. But in Eternity Life, all power will be concentrated in the hands of the Father, that God may be all in all as noted in 1 Corinthians 15:26-28. Do you know this much? You better do. Amen.

PRAY you are this knowledgeable in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Proverbs 30-31; 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

SEPTEMBER 19TH BEING BLESSED IN YOUR UNDEFILED STATE

READ Psalm 119:1 "BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) are the undefiled (the upright, truly sincere, and blameless) in the way [of the revealed will of God], who walk (order their conduct and conversation) in the law of the Lord (the whole of God's revealed will)."

To be defiled is to be polluted whether willingly or otherwise. In the context we are examining it, to be defiled is to sin and have the tag of sinfulness on oneself. This Psalm is not addressed to the sinful man whose way of life and living is sinfulness. No. He is not the focus or target here. As Scripture is essentially addressed to the people of God who have made the God of Zion their Refuge, the Psalm as part of the Scripture is addressed to the faithful. Of course the present-day sinner will no doubt benefit there from as he also comes into the commonwealth of the faithful. Accordingly, this Psalm specially speaks to you; it speaks directly to me too. How? That we continue in our righteous living in the power of the Holy Ghost Who has redeemed us and has

continued to stay us all in the Righteousness that is available only in the Precious Blood of the Lamb Who was crucified for us at Calvary even from the foundation of the earth. The focus of the Psalm is to admonish us to remain uncompromisingly righteous in the Way of Righteousness. Like Daniel we are to purpose not to be defiled by the King's goodies as tempting as they are; nor should we give in to the unrighteous pressure from the world of sin seeking our conformity to their ways of unrighteousness. To all who will remain true to the Faith of Jesus in the power of the Holy Ghost, His Holy Spirit really is promised His amazing reward not just in the heavenly but first and foremost here on this earth of ours. May we be able to live most righteous in His Grace, amen.

PRAY you are this worthy

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ecclesiastes 1-3; 2 Corinthians 11: 16-33

SEPTEMBER 20TH SEEKING THE LORD WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART AND THE BLESSING THEREIN

READ Psalm 119:2 "Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are they who keep His testimonies, and who seek, inquire for and of Him and crave Him with the whole heart."

There is the need for us all to seek the Lord meaningfully and whole heartedly once we come into the Faith. There is no need coming into the Faith that is Christ Jesus if we will not diligently seek Him always. So what and what is seeking Him diligently and how can one seek Him and inquire of Him faithfully? As the question goes, there is no two ways to doing this other than faithing in Him absolutely. By faith absolute I mean sticking to the Lord and to His righteous principles all the time whether the going is tough or not. It is not compromising our faith and we have a lot of examples on this. Moses continually rejected the proposition of Pharaoh that they partially go into the wilderness to worship the Lord. He demanded for and stayed on leaving Egypt totally and doing nothing instead. Eventually, Pharaoh had to give in to the Lord God Who alone calls the shot from His heavenly reign. In the same manner, when the going was tough for the Jews in Sushan under Mordecai and Esther, the Jews called upon then Lord and patiently waited on Him to deliver them as deemed fit by Him. Their redemption came in a big way as the enemy of the Jews Haman was hung on the very tree he had prepared for Mordecai the Jews. The Christians in the early part of the ministry suffered dire consequences for believing in Christ. Yet, they never gave up their faith and trust in Him. This is the kind of seeking Him diligently and inquiring of Him always and faithfully too. How well are you doing in this regards! It is well with you in His Grace, amen.

PRAY you are blessed in seeking and inquiring of Him always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ecclesiastes 4-6; 2 Corinthians 12

SEPTEMBER 21ST SOME SPECIFICS OF THE UNCOMPROMISINGLY RIGHTEOUS

READ Psalm 119:3 "Yes, they do no unrighteousness [no willful wandering from His precepts]; they walk in His ways."

Here we are again inundated with the features of the uncompromisingly righteous; that faithful who will leave no stone unturned for being true to his faith in Christ Jesus. As seen and listed here, the uncompromisingly righteous never wonders from the commandments of the Lord as given in His treatise the same that is the Holy Bible. This implies first and foremost the knowledge of these precepts as here conceived. For if one knows not what is expected of him or her, there is no way he or she can fulfill such righteous expectations. And where same is violated, there is no way of being in the know. So the first duty of the uncompromisingly righteous here is to know or rather to be knowledgeable in the Way of righteousness. Having attained this much, he is quoted as never willingly and knowingly breaching any of this. I want to add that he does not even unwittingly does that which is against His precepts. How do I mean? Do not forget that first we walk by faith and not by sight meaning partly we do not live by what is seen but what we have inside of us. For instance, no one told Adam who or what Eve was after he came out of his deep sleep as the Bible notes. But faith, the faith of God in him informed him who she was and this he acclaimed. Even what has never being in human history then, fatherhood and motherhood came up in him by faith. Hence he noted that for this reason the man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife. In the same vein of faithfulness and faithing in Him duly, the uncompromisingly righteous will be led by His Spirit in Him which is what faithing really is to do that which is righteous. Glory is God in the highest heavens alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are this led always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ecclesiastes 7-9; 2 Corinthians 13

SEPTEMBER 22ND RECOUNTING HIS ORDINANCES WITH OUR LIPS

READ Psalm `119:13 "With my lips have I declared and recounted all the ordinances of Your mouth."

Testimony is the beginning, the middle, and the end of faithing in the Lord whether or not you want to believe it; and this is why. We come into the faith, His Faith really not just by the conviction we have of Him in our hearts. No. It is simply not just by this. Instead, this conviction has to give vent to our profession by the words of mouth the inner feelings we have towards Him as a result of listening to and imbibing His Word. Confession you want to know is another form of witnessing or better put; is another name for witnessing. We abide in the Faith by sharing our personal experiences of Him as we journey in the WAY of Righteousness. We tell others what we are experiencing, not just for their information, but also for their edification as well as ours. This is also witnessing Him. How much we are able to abide in Him here on earth in our journey of Faith and Faithing in Him depends to a large extent on how much of His witnessing in whatever means we can bring forth. Remember at this point that Faith comes itself by hearing the Words of Faith as spoken originally by Him. Next, we would win all warfare of Faith by His Blood which we plead each time we are so confronted and by the Words of His testimonies. There is no other way to this. Finally, we have to keep witnessing to Him until we

give up the ghost. The deacon Stephen showed us how as well as the Savior Himself Who pleaded our course as He laid dying on the Cross. If for whatever reason we cease to witness Him before we give up the Ghost then we are not sure of being in Him on the other side of the Jordan. So go on witnessing to the Father in the Name of the Son and by the power of His Holy Ghost amen.

PRAY you are this most blessed in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ecclesiastes 10-12; Galatians `1

SEPTEMBER 23RD PRAYING GOD TO OPEN OUR SPIRITUAL EYES NOW

READ Psalm 119:18 "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law."

We have to come to the truth that we all have our spiritual counterparts of our physical just as we have the soul counterpart. Here we are admonished to seek that our spiritual eyes be opened. You must agree with me that if we have spiritual eyes, then we also have at least the spiritual head on which the eyes are fixed. What I am driving at really is the need for us to be conscious of the need to develop our spiritual senses. They go a long way to guiding us in our journey here on earth. There is no way we can navigate our journey here using our physical senses alone. This is not just possible. We need to be better equipped on the spiritual as this is the line that dictates how the physical is governed and utilized. Apart from the eye opener which today's Bible verse makes, there is also the need to point out to us that when God revealed to Peter that he should never call that which He had cleansed common it was his spiritual senses that was being quickened as if from the dead. When deacon Stephen saw the heavens opened and Jesus sitting on the Right hand of the Lord God, it was his spiritual eyes that were activated while his listeners who were dead spiritually could not see anything. Hence they killed him. Again you will recollect that Elisha had to pray God to open the eyes of his servants when the Syrian soldiers surrounded their habitation. Until then he was very afraid. But seeing the hosts of heaven he was relaxed and confident. You too need have your spiritual senses energized always to be able to behold His Glory.

PRAY you will always have your spirit being energized in His power

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Song of Solomon 1-2; Galatians 2

SEPTEMBER 24TH ASKING HIM TO TAKE AWAY REPROACH AND CONTEMPT FROM YOU

READ Psalm 119:22 "Take away from me reproach and contempt, for I keep Your testimonies."

You will recollect that Moses the man of God never made it to the Promised Land despite that his commission was to so do. He only saw the Promised Land from a distance but never set his foot on same. One major buildup to this misfortune of his was his inability to take away the reproach of Israel God's own people for 40 years of the wilderness wonderings. God covenanted

with Abram and gave him the token of circumcision as He changed his name to Abraham meaning the father of many nations be they political, religious or otherwise. Every male child born must as of necessity be circumcised on the eight day. Any who would not would be cut off from his people. Moses himself was so circumcised although born in Egypt. His first undoing was his inability to circumcise his second born because his wife Zipporah was against same. God was to kill him on the way to the redemption of His people. It was a warning to him that God would not tolerate any reproach of his people. He led them out of the bondage in Egypt and circumcised all who so left. He took away their reproach and in this way kept them fully in the covenant. But he never was able to do for all the male children born thereafter in the wilderness. I am making no excuse for him; but I know that the constant troubles he was facing then partly accounted for this. God never overlooked this major flaw on his part but never also reminded him. When he again dishonored Him by not acting as instructed in the waters of Meriba, God felt He had had enough of his disobedience especially in the matters of His covenant. It was when Joshua circumcised them in Gilgal that God revealed to him He had just taken away their reproach. For this the land was named Gilgal meaning the taking away of the reproach. You and I need to have our reproach of sin and sinning taken away constantly by Him.

PRAY you will never breach His covenant as to be a reproach to Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Song of Solomon 4-5; Galatians 3

SEPTEMBER 25TH RUNNING THE WAY OF HIS RIGHTEOUS COMMANDMENTS

READ Psalm 119:32 "I will [not merely walk, but] run the way of Your commandments, when You give me a heart that is willing."

In Proverbs, we are told that the Name of the Lord is a strong Tower which the righteous runs into and all who so do are saved. This takes after the City of Refuge provided for in the Old Testament canon which stipulated that when any was killed inadvertently, the killer should run as much as he could to the City nearest to him for there were many Cities of Refuge and he should stay therein. If while running the avenger of blood should overtake him, he would be killed and his blood would be upon him. Once in, he was safe and would remain in that city without going out of same until the sitting High Priest died. If he went out of the City, and he was found, he would be killed. But as long as he remained therein he was saved. The point is in his running and not stunting in matters of life as opposed to death. This was a shadow of the immunity we have now in Christ Jesus Who is our City of Refuge as all who will run into Him and keep His teachings would be free from the punishment that accompanies sinning both here and there yonder. It is this same sense of urgency that attains matters of salvation that is being reproduced here in today's text. It says I will run and not merely walk or stunt in matters affecting the Way of Life fulfilling all revealed commandments of the Lord. Why? It is because God had given us all who will faith in Him a willing heart to obey. So why walk when you are already enabled to run into the Strong Tower of God Almighty!

PRAY you will always be running and not otherwise in matters of Lifer and living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Song of Solomon 6-8; Galatians 4

SEPTEMBER 26TH TURNING MY EYES FROM BEHOLDING VANITIES LORD

READ Psalm 119:37 "Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity (idols and idolatry); and restore me to vigorous life and health in Your Ways."

On my own I cannot do anything good or righteous. If God in Christ could not do anything on His own except as given to Him by the Father from heaven, who then can do anything on his own? In this wise we all need the enablement of the Lord God to do good by keeping us from loving and seeking evil. This presupposes we must first have the knowledge of what is good as opposed to that which is evil. We are to seek His true knowledge whatever this may cause us after righteously coming into the Faith the same that is His. This is based on our willingness to be righteous. Once we have the willingness to doing good on His behalf and in His power, it is a simple thing for us to wait on Him for the appropriate enablement. This is what today's Scripture seeks to accomplish. That we should pray Him in His power and might after we have resolved to doing good to assist us in turning our eyes from evil. Have you imagined what would have happened had King David never seen the nakedness of Bathsheba the wife of his erstwhile captain Uriah? If his eyes had been turned from that spot; if he never went out that way; if he hadn't been home; if and only if God had delayed his waking up for just the time for the bathing woman to finish her bathing; if only these or one of these; there wouldn't have been a sinful memory today of David and Uriah. God is able to do all things. Hence, the appropriateness of the prayer here for God to turn our eyes from evil and all of it really.

PRAY you will heed Him when He turns you away from all evil

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 1-2; Galatians 5

SEPTEMBER 27TH KNOWING YOUR CONSOLATION IN AFFLICTION

READ Psalm 119:50 "This is my comfort and consolation in my affliction: that Your word has revived me and given me life."

No one wants to be afflicted or to be discomfited at least. Yet we all need affliction if only to turn us towards God and straighten our resolve in Him. Let us take the apostle Paul for instance. Here was a man well learned in the Way according to the Pharisees doctrines of imposing themselves on God and not waiting on God to put them right according to His will and purpose. He was called by God Almighty and used mightily more than all the apostles put together but only in and by His power. This much he too acknowledged. Yet it pleased God to put a thorn in his flesh by which he was being buffeted regularly. Thrice he went to God in prayer like the Master and Savior Himself at Gethsemane; yet, it pleased God to have it there. Why? The answer is very simple-to continue to beating him into God's submission so as to allow for the Lord's maximum strength in himself. So how did he react to this? Most positively as he submitted himself to God after knowing it was there for his good. Without the thorn divinely

allowed into his life there is every probability that the apostle Paul would have been a failure ultimately. Herein comes the relevance of today's message-that in every situation particularly in adversity, the Word of God is there for our comfort and consolation. Glory is God in the highest heaven, alleluia.

PRAY you are this glorified in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 3-4; Galatians 6

SEPTEMBER 28TH SEEING GOD AS YOUR PORTION AND PROMISING TO BE HIS

READ Psalm 119:57 "You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to keep Your words."

For everyone who will believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God is his portion and all in all. This is so because from the moment we give our lives truly to Him, our new lives are His. The old we lived have all gone amiss. In the newness of His power and Being we live. Put another way, once we give our lives to God truly by faithing in His Son Jesus Christ of Nazareth, we are new creatures or new creations and the life we live then is the life of Jesus Christ His Son Who loved us and gave His life for us. Not frustrating His Grace therefore is not seeking anything that is ours but seeking all that are His; or better put, allowing Him to do what He pleases with our lives for He lives in us and truly too. In this way, we showcase Him as our portion. Being our portion and more than this our all, we have no choice than to keep His Words. For there is no need professing Him if in the long run we choose which of His Words to obey and which to jettison. Remember Christianity is a yoke which we all who profess faith in Him have to bear. The only good thing there is that the yoke is to be borne in and by His power. For no one can live Him outside of Him. He Himself was able to pilgrimage this world in the power of the anointing of the Holy Ghost which His Father gave to Him. We conclude therefore that Christ is the Portion of all who will faith truly in Him to the Glory of the Father, amen.

PRAY you will truly faith in the Savior now and forever more, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 5-6; Ephesians 1

SEPTEMBER 29TH BEING THE COMPANION OF THOSE WHO REVERENCE AND FEAR GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 119:63 "I am a companion of all those who fear, revere, and worship You, and of those who observe and give heed to Your precepts."

A common English adage says show me your friend and I will tell you who you are. The same goes for our discussion today. The righteous King Jehoshaphat almost got into spiritual mess for walking in the company of the unrighteous King Ahab as he was related to him by marriage. You will notice that he almost lost his life in the self destructive war waged by the unrighteous King. Only the grace of God saw him through this sneer of the devil. Adam wouldn't have fallen in the Garden of Eden if he had not walked close, and indeed so close to the tree the fruits of which he

was forbidden from eating. That was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Had he walked away and far away from same as much as it was desirable, there wouldn't have been the case of Satan in the snake talking to Eve besides the tree. The point is who you are is largely determined by the company you keep. Our Lord and Savior concurred to this saying when He noted that by the fruit a tree is known. All boils down to the truth that if you keep a company of the faithful, not only are you likely to end up a faithful; more than this you are most likely to have your faith in the Lord strengthened and boosted. The reverse will be the case if you are found in the company of the unrighteous. No doubt you become an accomplice and you are worse off and you are implicated. To be sure of what we are doing here in this case, we are to be choosy as to whose company we keep and seek. A word in this case is enough for the wise. Remain blessed in His Glory, amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in the company of the righteous

HIS BLOOD HIS FLSEH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 7-8; Ephesians 2

SEPTEMBER 30TH SEEING GOD IN BEING AFFLICTED

READ Psalm 119:67 "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now Your Word do I keep [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying]."

In the epistle to the Hebrew saints, the writer notes of Christ Jesus that although He was as much as He is God, yet, He learnt obedience by the things He suffered. May be you didn't yet get this in or maybe it is just coming to your notice. The truth of the matter is that although Christ was and is still God Almighty sharing all Glory with His Father, yet when He was in this earth, He only learnt to obey God for which He was given a name above every other name to be named or has been named because of what He suffered. This shows immediately that you and I are not likely to learn anything if we are not afflicted. Affliction of whatever kind therefore becomes God's instrument of teaching His Word, Knowledge, and indeed His character. Any who despises affliction will never ever be good let alone be useful to His Glory. The only Being Who has not suffered affliction and Who will never ever so be subjected is God the Father. Although I have no revelation now as to how and whether His Holy Spirit is this subjected, I am sure He too is not free from this. Otherwise He will not be made to glory in the Glory of the Son here on earth and only do the works of and for the Son. Be that as it may, the point here today is you and I will periodically experience affliction from God apart from those that are manmade. Whatever the case, what we learn there from is what matters most. If God places you and I down to eat the bread of suffering, it makes nonsense asking why. Rather we should ask how we can learn the lessons for which it was designed. Hence affliction as seen in today's Scriptural verse leads to more understanding of Him and His Way. Alleluia.

PRAY you will be led in to affliction today and always according to His purpose

HIS BLOOD HIS FLSEH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 9-10; Ephesians 3

OCTOBER 1ST GIVE ME UNDERSTANDING TO KNOWING YOU

READ Psalm 119:73 "Your hands have made me, cunningly fashioned and established me; give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments."

Since we are God's creation, fashioned after His own image by His Excellency, it is natural that the only way to making a success of our creation by Him is for us to seek from Him an understanding of what and how He wants you to function. All righteous patriarchs in Scripture and Kings plus of course His prophets had to do this. He has promised in His Word that any who will come to Him He would in way cast out; nor would He ever deny any who will truly seek knowledge from Him for righteous use access to same. It is in this context that today's Scriptural verse is most relevant. Why do I need to seek Him and His knowledge whose application rightly is here termed as wisdom and or understanding? The answer simply is no one can know his fault or error let alone redeem same just as the eye does not see itself although it sees all others. It is only by a reflection that it sees itself. The point is no one has ever known the Way of the Lord whom the Lord Himself has not revealed Himself to and make known to him His way. There is simply no way to doing this. In addition to our willingness to do His bidding, we need to also seek His empowerment to be able so to behave and never go outside of His commandments. Knowing His commandment is good and noble; it is however in doing them effectively that we are judged righteous in our living after coming into His Faith. So how well are you doing in all these dear brother of the Lord and co-heir with Jesus Christ of Nazareth. You are most blessed in His Way into which you are already called. ALLELUIA.

PRAY you will come to Him always to learn of Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 11-13; Ephesians 4

OCTOBER 2ND ASSOCIATING WITH THOSE WHO REVERENTLY FEAR THE LORD GOD

READ Psalm 119:79 "Let those who reverently and worshipfully fear You turn to me, and those who have known Your testimonies."

Here is a prophetic wish the same that is prayerfully righteous. There is no wrong in wishing the best for the self. Indeed, the self is configured to wish itself the best. Hence the expression selfish if this is too much. But tell me who determines this? Besides, the self is the yardstick for determining the level of goodness to the other person. How do I mean? One who loves not the self cannot and would not love the other person. As a matter of fact and truth he would not know how to love since it has not been part of him. As a result we see the Psalter here expression his determination for the Lord God to bring to him as opposed to another person all those who reverentially and worshipfully fear the Lord. Why? It is because only those who are so disposed are uncompromisingly righteous. Once they are this well behaved, it is easy for the recipient who is the speaker here to remain steadfast on the lane of righteousness as these people can only affect him or her righteously in this manner. One who is uncompromisingly righteous will not sit back while his associate does that which is evil; no, he would not allow him

to reel in wickedness not to talk of unrighteousness. Take the case of the unrighteous King Ahab when he was to embark on the war that killed him. His righteous friend Jehoshaphat made him seek the view of God through the prophet Micaiah. Had King Ahab heeded the advice of the prophet, he definitely would have lived longer through the advice of his righteous friend. This is the point we are noting here. Or the case of Naaman and the different righteous associates of his who would not let him die in arrogance but saw him obey the righteous commands of the Lord through His prophet Elisha. It is time you are equally blessed in Him, amen.

PRAY you are this knowledgeable in the Lord today and always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 14-16; Ephesians 5:1-16

OCTOBER 3RD SEEKING THE LORD'S COMFORT UNENDING

READ Psalm 119:82 "My eyes fail, watching for [fulfillment of] Your promise. I say, When will You comfort me?

There is another important issue to be discussed and analyzed today. It is the issue of waiting on the Lord. I have been there severally and as I am speaking to you now by His power I am still there. Peradventure I will still be there until I see Him face to face. Hebrews tells us of the patriarchs who never made it in this world as their expectations were never met. The writer of Hebrews notes that they died in faith never ever seeing the fruit of their expectations. Yet, God was so good to them. By this I am telling you that various reasons account for the non-fulfillment of God's promises for every and all persons. From the issue of not yet the fullness of time; to the non-seeing of any reason for the delay; and then to not abiding enough in Him, the list is really endless. The panacea as I see it and by His Grace is to go beyond the physical fulfillment of His Promise and promises unto the level of divinity where we are very sure we would glory with and in Him. What does it matter whether or not the promise to be godly blessed with children comes to pass or not? Or what would I make of my not building the second and forth hoses as promised by Him even when I have none? Wasn't Lazarus of the Richman fame totally destitute even of good health? Didn't he make heaven and did he ever complain? As long as we have food and raiment even though this Lazarus never had either of these, let us be contented. This is what matters. If in the Glory and power of God I am saved and abide in His salvation; if He so blesses me as to be able to afford a good and decent living; If He so much showers me with good health and in all these I am humble enough to be thankful to and in Him, what difference does it make really for me here? What if I amass the whole earth and abide in Him to the need; would I go back to Him with the littlest of these? No. So why not glory in His being there for me and me being in Him! Whatever comes from Him thereafter is ex-gratia. Remain blessed in Him permanently amen.

PRAY you have His contentment in all situations of His and in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 17-19; Ephesians 5:17-33

OCTOBER 4TH DISREGARDING THE PITFALL DUG BY THE UNRIGHTEOUS

READ Psalm 119:85 "The godless and arrogant have dug pitfalls for me, men who do not conform to Your law."

It is no news that the godless and the arrogant fools will go about their best jobs-digging pitfalls for the righteous. This should not bother any truly righteous as God has taken care of all their antics. The Bible says the righteous falls seven times and God lifts him up each time. Why do you think he falls seven times? Certainly it is because of the pitfalls dug for him by the unrighteous whether knowingly or otherwise. Perhaps more importantly, why does God allow the righteous to so fall? The answer is that God has designed it that the righteous learns the way of life and be empowered to prevail over all trials by experiencing all the trials. That is one reason we are not taken away from the world. Christianity is not immunity over trials and persecution. No. It is not this. Rather it is being strengthened in trial and persecutions and gaining advantage over them so as to prevail in the world and all its oddities. You are blessed innumerably in this in Jesus name. The implication of what I have just been led to reveal to you and make available to you is that you need not worry over the antics of the unrighteous. God is in control. Rather, be concerned about your righteous working and walking in the way of Salvation such that you and I can and would finish our course in glowing tribute by Him Who loves us more than we can ever love ourselves or ever so think. The Lord be magnified in your life and mine now and forevermore, amen.

PRAY you are this blessed

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 20-22; Ephesians 6

OCTOBER 5TH KNOWING THE NATURE OF ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS

READ Psalm 119:86 "All Your commandments are faithful and sure. [The godless] pursue and persecute me with falsehood; help me [Lord]!"

God's commandments in theological parlance which is best in this context are decrees. Decrees in the sense that they command obedience without any question and questioning. They are not products of debate in the House of Assembly and or Senate. They do not and would never pass the first, second, and third readings as in the natural world of democracy. You may want to note that democracy is alien to God Almighty. That is why in the millennium and the New Earth as well as the New Heavens, plus of course the New City, God Almighty is going to rule with iron fist. God is not a democrat. Indeed, God rules by what is called and known as Theocracy where His will and His will alone is done regardless of what and how any feels. Accordingly it is in our own interest to know Who God is and what He is not. He doesn't seek man's advice. He needs it not even though He listens to His friends who are the faithful. He is God and the Supreme Being in heaven and on earth. There is no one like Him or one who can ever be compared to Him. His power is infinite and in His workings and timing, there is no end and there can be no end really. God is God Who rules and reigns in the Kingdom of men. His words are orders. Not only are they

obligatory, more than this, they are the best for each individual. God alone sees the end of the beginning. He alone is there for all, all the time. He was there in the Beginning of all Beginnings as He is the Beginning of all. Unlike others who are limited in one way or other including the heavenly beings, He is most unlimited as He is Who and What He is yesterday, today and tomorrow forever and ever amen. Accordingly, His testimonies are just and firm; His judgments are righteous and faithful are all His commandments. All who will listen to Him are most blessed. Be one of these please and at all costs, please.

PRAY you are this blessed in the Lord Most High

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 23-25; Philippians 1

OCTOBER 6TH BEGGING FOR LIFE ACCORDING TO HIS STEADFAST LOVE

READ Psalm 119:88 "According to Your steadfast love give life to me; then I will keep the testimony of Your mouth [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it.]"

As far as I am concerned here now, His steadfast love is the focus of today's ministration. So what do we man by His steadfast love and how is same relevant in today's ministration? By steadfast is meant unfailing; ever available; constant, and made readily effective as needed. The truth really here from the point of view of this simple definition is that none is steadfast and nothing could so be as here characterized-Readily available as at when needed! Only God can and is that readily available. Systems shut down unexpectedly. There are always failures here and there. Vehicles fail. Human hearts fail. Chance and time play foul to the most determined person to honor his or her words and commitments. Only the Lord God Almighty is always there for you; for me, and for the world and indeed the entire universe. Only He is there for Himself as no one is ever qualified to be there for Him in the context we are discussing. To the point of today then, we note that given His ever available love for us that makes Him give to us all that we do not deserve and deny us all we deserve in punishment, it is necessary that we come to Him and plead for His steadfast love; His unfailing love for us as ordained in His Son and co-equal Jesus Christ of Nazareth. One before Whom even the heavens are not clean and are considered sinful; how else can we be acceptable to Him except we plead to Him in His unfailing love of His Son for us and for Himself? This then is the crux of the point today. We pray and seek the face of the Almighty all the time in His unfailing love. Amen.

PRAY you are blessed most exceedingly in His unfailing love for Christ Jesus, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 26-27; Philippians 2

OCTOBER 7TH YOU ARE ALREADY SET FREE; NEVER GO INTO BONDAGE AGAIN

READ 1 Corinthians 7:23 "You were bought with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for by Christ]; then do not yield up to become [in your own estimation] slaves to men [but consider yourselves slaves to Christ]."

Before Christ died for us all, we were slave all to sin because of the event that played out in Eden when our progenitor even Adam sold out to Satan the arch enemy of the saints and the entire universe. You will recall that God gave dominion to Adam the image of Himself and by implication He gave dominion of the universe to us all. Without the events that played out in Eden in which we sold out our dominion to Satan, we would have never known sin and sickness today. There would have been no death and all sickening diseases causing and ultimately leading to death. There wouldn't have been autism, cancer, diabetes, heart attack and the likes. We would have been lord of the universe as the Lord had originally ordained. That singular act of selling out made us slaves to sin and to its consequences. But Glory is God in the highest heavens as we are now free, totally and completely free from the throes of sin and its enslavement for the sacrifices paid once and for all for anything and everything sin by Christ the Sin-Killer on the Cross, His Cross really over two thousand years ago. I am free, and completely free from sin. I am able now to live a sinless life in Christ Jesus on a daily basis. I should fear no death or its throes as the only Being to reverentially fear now is none but Christ Jesus the Messiah. He redeemed me and all who will side with Him in His Messianic role ably given to Him, by His Father in Whom there is no sin. I am delivered as well as all who will put their trusts in the Lord. So why should I fear sin, Satan and death? There is no fear in the perfect Faith which Jesus Christ has purchased for me. Alleluia.

PRAY you are this energized

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 28-30; Philippians 3

OCTOBER 8TH SEEKING TO BE BOUND TO A WIFE? THINK AGAIN OF ITS FULL IMPLICATION

READ 1 Corinthians 7:27 "Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife."

Pray what is it to be bound to a wife or husband? To be bound to a wife is to say the least to be under obligation to be with a woman for all the days of your life and or hers unless death does you part. It is a legal obligation and at the same time a divine obligation. You are to love her, keep her, and provide for her all the days of your life. Biblically, she is not under obligation to love you but only to be subject to you more than a servant would any way. The truth of the matter is that one who is bound to his wife is under obligation to put his wife first in almost everything secondary perhaps only to God. He is supposed to think her first and to be bound to her as long as she is alive regardless of her attitude unless she is habitually a whore in which case you can divorce her. Even then it will be if God does not make a Hosea out of you. You remember who the prophet Hosea was after whom his short discourse was named in the Old Testament canon. He was obliged to be married to a whore who thrice bore him bastards. Yet God told him not to divorce her. Such is the issue of marriage that the apostles in Mathew 19 thought it fit not to get married at all. But as our Lord and Savior has noted and rightly too, only those who are so graced can so behave. According to the apostle Paul, any who is married does no wrong. Indeed he does good. But he who refuses to have his daughter married does better.

Ruminate on this and please discourse on 1 Corinthians 7. Remain blessed in His Glory forevermore, alleluia.

PRAY you will never be out of His purpose for you at any time, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 30-31; Philippians 4

OCTOBER 9TH THE LIMIT OF THE MATRIMONIAL OBLIGATION

READ 1 Corinthians 7:39 "A wife is bound to her husband by law as long as he lives. If the husband dies, he is free to be married to whom she will, only [provided that he too is] in the Lord."

An exegesis of this verse particularly the last sense group shows that marriage is supposed to be between two uncompromisingly righteous duos. Simply put, it is inferred that marriage here should be between two who are in the Lord. Otherwise there would be no provision for the remarrying woman to go for one who is also in the Lord. This is the basic truth unless otherwise directed by Their Excellencies. Secondly, the marriage obligation is after all limited. It is limited to the life span of the duo involved in the marriage obligation. Where the husband does as in this case, the wife is free, meaning is set free of any matrimonial obligation to the man except in Old Testament times where she is expected to cohabit with the nearest of kin to raise an offering for the man if the deceased husband died childless. The point is the dead has no obligation to the living as well as the dead can't be righteously sued for any liability as in this case. The point I want to make in this case is the symbolism between this and the faith issue in which we find ourselves. Once we are dead to the old faith which is out of Christ to put it mildly, we are under no obligation to go that way again. No. The old things are gone for good. We are now obliged to our New and Righteous Spouse the Lord Jesus Christ to Whom we owe all things, including our lives and living. Peradventure there is any nostalgia for the old man, it must be consigned to the sea of forgetfulness and nevermore be named in our lives. This is the essence in which the symbolism of the matrimony goes. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are never divorced or even separated for once from the King of kings

HIS BLOOD HIS FLSEH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 32-34; Colossians 1

OCTOBER 10TH ANY BENEFIT IN WIDOWHOOD?

READ 1 Corinthians 7:40 "But in my opinion [a widow] is happier (more blessed and to be envied) if she does not remarry. And also I think I have the Spirit of God."

Superfluous as this question is, it behooves us to answer same in the affirmative and explore the same answer. First, it must be realized that in the context of our discussions these last days, the pendulum is tilting towards a celibate life but certainly not for all of the faithful. Only to those who are so gifted and or are so determined in the power of the Holy Spirit. If it is true that giving out the hand of one's maiden in marriage is good, but he who refuses to do this for the work of

God does better; then if the woman whose hands are given out in marriage is bereaved, it follows that her staying free of all matrimonial obligations for the work of the ministry is best. But there are exceptions or better put things to cnsoder. One is the nature of the woman. Can she refrain from sexual immorality? If the answer is no as it would be in most cases, it is better to remarry than whore around. Secondly, can she sustain herself plus all her family responsibilities whether immediate or extended? If the answer is no, she should remarry such that the new spouse can cater for her and shoulder her responsibility like in the case of Ruth and her mother in-law. There are other issues outside of our immediate discussions. All these are to be put in consideration. There is no need of any pretensions. We are all human and the romantic hormones in us are God induced. So there is no sin in righteously getting married, whether as a spinster or as a widow. Glory is God in the highest heaven alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are guided aright by His Holy Spirit always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 34-36; Colossians 2

OCTOBER 11TH BEING AWARE OF THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES SURROUNDING YOU

READ Hebrews 12:1 "THEREFORE THEN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who have borne testimony to the Truth], let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily entangles us, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us."

Here we are today as other day in His ministrations. But unlike any other day; today's ministration is unique in that God Who alone has enabled you to see today has something unique for you and me such that we would all be made fantastic in His presence by our obedience to His instructions today. So what is the unique thing for you and me today? It is first that God has ordained that we have around and within us unique witnesses who all at one time or the other personally witnessed the Lord Jesus Christ in His afleshed ministrations and who were partakers of His heavenly Being. Added to these are a lot of other witnesses who were there after His resurrection all totaling about five hundred who were largely at the time of this Scriptural writing were alive although a good many had slept. Their testimonies were unique that the Lord Who came in the flesh like you and I and Who was the first to obey all righteous requirements of the Law as demanded by the God of the heavens rose from the dead and ascended to heaven; Who is now seated in the right hand of the Lord God the Father. Accordingly all that is said in the Holy Bible are true and indeed the Truth which should be taken by all of us without any reservation. Thus, we are to thrust ourselves away from sin and all it connotes as fiercely as we can, knowing that these sins readily rob on us. What is more, the need is there for us all to run not only the race of righteousness but more than this to run within our approved course, and with patient endurance for the joy that is set ahead of us all. Alleluia.

PRAY you will run your race course accordingly not grudgingly

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 37-38; Colossians 3

OCTOBER 12TH STRUGGLING UNTO BLOOD AND UNTO DEATH FOR HIS TESTIMONY

READ Hebrews 12:4 "You have not yet struggled and fought agonizingly against sin nor have you yet resisted and withstood to the point of pouring your [own] blood."

The underlying assumption in this Scriptural verse is that believers, true believers really need fight the fight of faith, His Faith really agonizingly. This means the fighting is not to be pleasant or comfortable. It is never so conceived and therefore can never so be. Two, each one of us must fight this fight throughout our course as explicated yesterday. Thirdly, we are to be prepared to resist sin and Satan its author and finisher with our all if need be our own blood as did many faithful then and millions who are presently paying the supreme prices in their various closet. It follows therefore that any who is not prepared to shed the blood that runs through his or her vein for Christ should the need be is not prepared to follow after Christ. There are various ways we would be pressed to resist the devil until he runs away from us. Once defeated, we have a refilled armor to go all out and face his renewal in his return leg. Thus, he continues to return for another fight another time not necessarily day to be defeated for he knows no shame. All he is looking for is to see if there can be a loophole to cash in on. Patient endurance talks of the need to be prepared to wait on the Lord for the whole of our life should the need arise. You will not be shamed in Jesus Mighty and Holy Name, amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 39-40; Colossians 4

OCTONBERE 13TH SUBMITTING TO AND ENDURING CORRECTION

READ Hebrews 12:7 "You must submit to and endure [correction] for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom, his father doers not [thus] train and correct and discipline?"

There is no reason why any would be a true follower of Jesus Christ the Lord and Savior if he or she will not embrace discipline difficult and humbling as it is. You may want to know that discipline is humbling and indeed humiliating. Yet, there is no other way to learning discipleship outside discipline. Apart from the nearness in sound and spelling, discipleship and discipline go hand in hand. As a matter of divine truth, sonship of God the Father embraces and encompasses being able to accept discipline. The word discipline is not limited to correction alone. Rather it involves mostly deliberate training to fortify the self; to humble the self; to mortify the self such that in trying moments one can be found stable. The apostle Paul noted that in everywhere and in everything he has been thought therewith to be content. In straightened circumstances, he knows how to comport himself; and when the going is buoyant he knows how to righteously celebrate without rocking the boat. This is discipline. This is also discipleship. Jesus Who was equal with and to God did not consider this equality as anything as He emptied Himself of this

equality as the request of His Father God Almighty. It was a request not even a command. Yet He knew very well the rules of engagement in the heavenly which the earthly is a semblance. So why would you not submit most joyously and most gladly to righteous discipline under every condition? If you fail to be this submissive, then you are not His disciple yet. You need to be retrained if at all you were ever trained to be His disciple. Amen.

PRAY you are truly His disciple not a fake

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 41-42; 1 Thessalonians 1

OCTOBER 14TH EXAMINING THE TRUE NATURE OF DISCIPLINE

READ Hebrews 12:11 "For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness-in conformity to God's will in purpose, thought, and action, resulting in tight living and right standing with God]."

As rightly noted here in the Scriptural verse, the initial symptoms of a true training in discipleship the same that is true discipline is acute hatred and repulsion to both the administrator of discipline as well as the process of being trained in righteous discipline. This is natural of all that will eventually be good. All that starts well and good, and deserving usually don't last in joyful ending. Rather when the beginning or the process of being equipped in anything is strenuous, demanding, and stressful, chances are that it will end in the enlargement and fulfillment of the recipient of the training. This is the truth as well as the fact of life and living. Thus, only those who are prepared, determined, and responsive positively to training and change it brings see through their discipline training. You want to imagine the extent the athletes go to get prepared for the earthly crown that is temporal and temporary. Yet they have to abide by the strenuous rule and schedule of the training. The same is true in the spiritual. As here noted no one enjoys the training in its self denying sacrifices. But once attained, all associate with the champion who have endured the rigors of the training. This is the same we are talking here. If you will endure spiritual discipline inclusive of correction no matter how humbling it seems, you will later be beneficiary of the blessings of God as well as His reward for obedience as Jesus Christ of Nazareth was rewarded. Glory is God in the highest heavens alleluia, amen.

PRAY you submit to the true rigors of Christ discipline

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 43-44; 1 Thessalonians 2

OCTOBER 15TH ROAD TO SAFE LIFE

READ Proverbs 13:3 "He who guards his mouth keeps his life, but he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin."

To guard one's mouth is to watch what one says, when and where as well as how one says it. It is for this reason that philosophers say silence is golden while speech the art of speaking is silver. We all know that gold has more value than silver. In the same vein the Lord Jesus admonishes us to be quick to listen but slow to answering such that we do not regret what is once spoken. Words, like water poured on the ground cannot be recouped once uttered. Whereas one can say an uncomfortable thing in a most comfortable way like saying the old man gently passed away as opposed to just breaking the news that Mr. so, so, and so died. Let us see a few examples in the Bible. The Amalekite who came with what he considered good news to King David lost his life for claiming to have killed King Saul. His mouth killed him. If he had merely reported the death and showed some remorse chances were that he would have been well accepted. Again we see how the two brothers who slew the son of Saul who reigned in his stead in his sleep-Mephibosheth-how they were mortified by the same King David because of what they have said. Coming nearer home we see that Gabriel who stands before God had to punish the priest Zachariah for speaking unbelief; whereas the same arch angel blessed the Virgin Mary who spoke faith out of her mouth. Your mouth makes or mares you. May you be guided in your speech as any who can control what he or she speaks; or better put, any who will allow God to speak through him or her will save his or her life. May you be this blessed in Him always.

PRAY you will let God guide your all

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 45-46; 1 Thessalonians 3

OCTOBER 16TH BEING AWARE THE LORD GOD WILL ALWAYS CONFIDE IN HIS PROPHETS

READ Amos 3:7 "Surely the Lord God will do nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets."

Yes! You have read it well, the Lord God of the heavens Who alone reigns in the kingdom of men will do nothing without revealing it to His servants His prophets. Note that He is revealing His secrets to His servants, not His equals or His superiors if there can ever be any, anyway. So why is He doing this? The answer is very simple. He loves His servants who faith in Him. He is faithful and most humble Who will never look down on anybody particularly His anointed. Once He loves you, He also trusts you unless you otherwise prove yourself unworthy of such a divine trust. Thus, our Lord God Who alone forms the heavens and the earth as well as all their hosts trusts His chosen. But are you trust worthy particularly by Him? Am I worthy of His grace and do I appreciate His Grace as given from eternity beginning? So how am I reacting and responding to this unequal confidence the Lord God reposes in me as His servant and prophet? Perhaps the question could have been how should I respond as a faithful servant of His? First and foremost, I have to be grateful for this extraordinary and graceful act of His. Secondly and perhaps more importantly, I have to remain faithful in Him and never frustrate His Grace in me the same that makes Him to so much confide in me. It is confiding in me. In Egypt for instance, God confided in Moses so much that before He did anything to Pharaoh and his disobedient people, He first

intimated Moses such that he knew beforehand what His Excellency was going to do and to some extent how He was going to accomplish same. Moses remained faithful to Him throughout. The same is expected of you and me. Amen.

PRAY you will appreciate every gracious acts of the Lord God upon your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 47-49; 1 Thessalonians 4

OCTOBER 17TH YOUR WORD O LORD IS SETTLED FOREVER

READ Psalm 119:89 "Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven [stands firm as the heavens]."

Glory be to God in the highest heavens, alleluia. When we say the Lord's Words have been settled in heaven, what do we mean? And indeed what does this mean to us who are called into His marvelous Light in Christ Jesus? To start with, that His Word is settled in heavens partly means all He has purposed to do from the beginning of creation are already perfected as there is nothing in Him or for Him that cannot be made possible. That is to say all He has purposed to do are already done whether or not their time is now or in the near or extended future. There is nothing anyone can do to revoke His decrees. It is as good as done already. When there are hindrances as in the case of Daniel's supplications to the Lord God for 21 days, it matters not to Him as all is already settled. With regards to us faithful, the implication is for us to rest assured in the Written Word that can never be violated nor can ever be revoked. All the Lord God has promised and assured us individually and collectively are true. If true then they have come to fruition at their fullness of time our present situation notwithstanding. More than this our heaven is assured as guaranteed by Him Who alone paid the Price for our redemption on the Cross in Christ Jesus. Consequently, whether we live or die, we live and die in the Lord and for Him as well. Glorify the Lord in all these, amen.

PRAY you are this made beautiful in His assurance

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 50-52; 1 Thessalonians 5

OCTOBER 18TH SEEING HIS ETERNAL FAITHFULNESS

READ Psalm 119:90 "Your faithfulness is from generation to generation; You have established the earth, and it stands fast."

Realizing that God is eternal and all things about Him, of Him, and in Him also eternal will make us understand this very verse better. God is faithful where His faithfulness is nothing but truthfulness that can never be annulled. Anything and all things about God are forever; be it His anger, love, and care. This accounts for why the earth remains as it is without crashing into other planers. And no matter what scientists want us to believe to the contrary, God is true, eternal, and most faithful. Have you wondered why the children of Jacob otherwise called and known as Israel are still existing today and waxing stronger every day despite the increasing

hatred of their persons and being? It is because of His faithfulness to His servant Abraham with whom He had a covenant; or better still the grace over the house of David of the Judah tribe in Israel? It is because of His love that was covenanted to David His first true King over Israel that still stands today and will forever be in eternity un-end. God is faithful. In the same vein Satan has been consigned to hell fire as already spoken by Him, only that he is awaiting the timing for the fulfillment. That is why you and I should believe all He has promised us in His Word and writing regardless of what we are presently going truer. We have overcome already, alleluia.

PRAY you will be faithful in your relation to Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 53-55; 2 Thessalonians 1

OCTOBER 19TH THE SECRET OF MAKING IT THROUGH AFFLICTIOIN

READ Psalm 119:92 "Unless Your law had been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction."

By now you know too well that affliction is as good as natural, meaning it is a natural phenomenon. For the believer, it is a necessary ingredient of our way forward in the path of righteousness. No one who would make it to the Promised Land will have affliction as a stranger. No. This is never possible. You would have had intimate relation with affliction so much that its shadow will be close to your footstep. But all said and done, affliction by then would have taken you as his conqueror in Christ Jesus. You want to go through the contents of Isaiah 53 again and be conversant with the affliction and sorrows with which our Lord and Savior was blessed. Yes! It was a rear blessing for Him. If it were not for the afflictions and sorrows with which He was devastedly plagued, there would not have been need for the Father to have given Him a name that is above all names by which we all worship the Lord and God of all. In this case, affliction becomes a means of growth in the Lord and the pathway through the journey into spiritual stardom. You never can't ever be without afflictions and make it to the Promised Land. In the wilderness do you recall the number of afflictions purposely placed on the way of the Righteous just redeemed from captivity? They were deliberately placed there by God Himself to teach them the rigor and truth of the Word of God. Or do you think they committed any crime to warrant their captivity for four hundred and thirty years in Egypt? If our God does not change, then you too will not escape affliction and sorrows. But His Word, or knowledge of same has seen you through like all the others. Amen.

PRAY you and I are this blessed in Him forever

PRAY knowledge of His Word will see you through all vicissitudes of life in His name

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 56-58; 2 Thessalonians 2

OCTOIBER 20TH SEEING THE LIMIT OF ALL THINGS NATURAL AS OPPOSED TO THINGS SPIRITUAL

READ Psalm 119:96 "I have seen that everything [human] has its limits and end [no matter how extensive, noble, and excellent]; but Your commandment is exceedingly broad and extends without limits [into eternity]."

The truth of God is that whatever has a beginning must definitely have an end, and there is no exception to this divine rule except that thing or being has no beginning, whether or not it is hidden from us. Even Jesus our Lord and God in His earthly sojourn that began in the Virgin Mary and terminated on the Roman cross was not exempted there from. The writer of Hebrews succinctly put it that all things natural are limited as they are all timed according to His program. But things spiritual are deathless in that they are eternal and beyond earth and dying. This is the same truth expressed in another form here in the Psalm-that everything and all things human has its limits and end. This is a proven truth and fact of nature. Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior while here on earth was limited in that He could only do those things His Father and God gave Him to do as at when due. For this reason He could not die when He was born nor could the multitude of His adversaries harm Him before His time. But at the appointed time, He was given away to death on the cross as determined by the Father even before the foundations of the earth. In the same vein He couldn't heal all the sick in the world then nor could He open the eyes of all. Neither was He able to cleanse all known lepers of His time. One good example was the truth and fact of the cripple at the Gate Beautiful who was later healed by Peter and John Christ's disciples. The point is you can only accomplish all that is given to you at the fullness of time. You won't ever be able to exceed your limit as human. God and His heavenly beings in this wise are unlimited. Whereas the angels too are limited in what they could attain as of time and space, God in His infinite form and nature is unlimited. Alleluia.

PRAY you are this understanding

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 59-61; 2 Thessalonians 3

OCTOBER 21ST KNOWING AND SEEING HIS WORD

READ Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path."

We all know what the lamp does to the man in the dark. The world we are living in now is nothing but utter darkness as Satan whose reign the world is in has set booby traps here and there. The only way for us to have our lives illuminated is by studying, understanding, and in that deep understanding, use the Word of God in all our endeavors. There is no other way to doing this. This is the work of the lamb-illuminator. In specific terms, God's illuminating lamp is to illuminate our path for our feet not to hit the stones and roots of life such that we would be able to thread the righteous path already earmarked for us in our set course. There is no way we can successfully navigate our path therein unless we have His illuminating Word. Secondly and equally important we have the Word of God as the light that also brightens our way and clearly shows us the path we are to move in. Without the light of His Word we are naught and can achieve nothing. It is just like a blind man watching television or the blind driving himself on the road that is his or her life. Both imagery of light and lamp are symbiotic and are complementary.

Without one the other will not give the best of itself. So the Word of God that is shed into our hearts on reading after coming into His faith will help illuminate as well as brighten our way so that our spiritual feet will thread smoothly as expected. Great is the Lord most High, alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you understand the use of imagery in Scripture

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 62-64; 1 Timothy 1

OCTOBER 22ND MAKING GOD TO ACCEPT THE FREEWILL OFFERING OF YOUR MOUTH

READ Psalm 119:108 "Accept, I beseech You, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me Your ordinances."

The fact that we are spending a lot of time on this one Psalm that is the longest chapter of the Bible should speak volumes to all of us. First I had the pleasure not to call it displeasure of having to read this one Psalm too many times and times over when I was young and was in the congregation that lays too much emphasis over the Psalm in disregard of all other Scriptural books. No one ever understood the real meaning of this Psalm of all Psalms. I am of the opinion that this Psalm is a miniature of all the entire Scripture. I may not be able to prove this. But that is my humble opinion. Here today, we are told of the freewill offerings of our mouths. So what are freewill offerings? To star with the Bible stipulates some specific offerings like Peace offering, trespass offering, and burnt offerings to mention a little. A freewill offering is any that is outside of the stipulated ones and is voluntarily given by the person. Offerings of our mouth here could mean a lot of things by way of what our mouths have offered to do to God; and or what we have used our mouths to say to God to His edification. This may be His praises, testimonies, witnesses, confessions and the likes. Whatever it may be, there is the revelation of freewill offering and our mouths being media for His praises, alleluia.

PRAY your mouth will only and always be righteous offerings unto Him Who died for you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Isaiah 65-66; 1 Timothy 2

OCTOBER 23RD NECESSARY CONDITION TO KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD

READ Psalm 119:115 "Depart from me, you evildoer, that I may keep the commandments of my God [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying them]."

We shall start our ministration today by first unraveling the mysteries attached to this Scriptural verse. First is the issue of identifying evildoers. To know the evildoers is to first recognize who are the do-gooders by the power and might of the Holy Spirit. In other words, we are saying that the person identifying the evildoers and who is asking them to move away from him is presupposed to be the righteous. Secondly and equally important is the issue of knowing the need for the evildoers to be away from one. For one thing, the Bible also notes that evil communications corrupt manners as contained in the first epistle to the Corinthians. By

implication, this righteous saint is not only saved but is also given to studying Scriptures. Psalm 1 talks of the blessedness of the Lord for him who does not associate with evil doers either in speech, acts, or deeds. But who in opposition to this puts his trust and communication upon the Lord God. We conclude hereto that walking, talking, and eating with the unrighteous in a way to fellowshipping with them will ultimately lead to impediment in the righteous sojourn with the Lord. Accordingly, all who will want to hear, listen, receive, love and obey the Lord God consistently after coming into the Faith must relate and fellowship with the righteous as iron sharpens iron as noted in the wisdom book of Proverbs. Glorify God of the heavens.

PRAY you will heed this noble warning of His

HIS BLLOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 1-2; 1 Timothy 3

OCTOBER 24TH SEEKING GOD'S FACE IN YOUR RIGHTEOUS UPHOLDING

READ Psalm 119:116 "Uphold me according to Your promise, that I may live; and let me not be put to shame in my hope."

Having come into the faith and having been Holy Ghost baptized, there is the need and a dare one really to seek God's assistance and faithful upholding as we journey into the Promise Land. For the battle is not won by coming into the Faith. For the faithful, coming into the Faith is the clarion call for the beginning of the warfare that is our entire life. Only those who abide; those who are kept in His Grace to the end will be overcomers. We are saved now in the hope of making it to the end of our journey. Anywhere from the onset can see one veer off by the many vicissitudes of life. Ask Judas Iscariot and he would tell you a living testimony of the need to seek Him for upholding in The Way of Righteousness. Ask Korah, Dathan, and Abiram as well as their entire household and they will tell you telltale of seeking His power to abide. This is not to talk of Achan from the tribe that was beloved Judah who perished in the wilderness after lusting against God's own marked out offering. If these are too old in your own testament, what of Ananias and Sapphira his wife who were the first to perish in the early church! Then you will know that while coming into the Faith is a once and for all thing and confession, abiding is a lifelong race that needs His special grace. May you all be this graced as well as my humble self. Amen.

PRAY you will not be stunted in the Way of Righteousness

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 3-5; 1 Timothy 4

OCTOBER 25TH WHY MY FLESH TREMBLES AND SHUDDERS IN WORSHIPFUL AWE OF YOU

READ Psalm 119:120 "My flesh trembles and shudders for fear and reverential, worshipful awe of You, and I am afraid and in need of Your judgments."

It is a good thing to see our flesh tremble and shudder at the same time for the reverential and worshipful awe of the Lord and God of all. If the Sea could see Him and run for dear life; and the

Jordan receded at the powerful sight of the Creator of all; if the mountains skip like rams and goats, tell me why won't I the head of His creation made lord of all He has created here on earth would not tremble and shudder to the point of death for Him Who has done so much and so graciously for me who does not deserve the tiniest of His blessings and Grace? I must tremble; I must shudder. Indeed, all must tremble before the Creator and Savior of the entire universe. For what can any do without Him? We sleep because we are so enabled. We wake up stretch our limbs and move out normally as if we are the makers and sustainers of ourselves little realizing that it is His Grace and nothing else. So why won't I be fearful of Him Who alone after having killed the body will send the soul into Gehena? I tremble before the God of the heavens. I shudder at the mere thinking of the powerful might and love of my Savior Who loved me so much as to give His life for me when I cannot boast of really loving Him at all. Aren't I serving Him only to make heaven? Am I not obeying His precepts here for my own good and to benefit from His abundant blessings? You tell me what one thing do I do for the Lord without an attending reward for me both here and there? Yet, He loves me so much as to save me. ***BLESSED BE YOUR HOLY NAME FROM NOW AND FOREVER AMEN GOD OF MY FATHERS. AMEN.***

PRAY you will tremble and shudder at the Presence of the Almighty God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 6-8; 1 Timothy 5

OCTOBER 26TH ACT NOW O LORD GOD

READ Psalm 119:126 "It is time for the Lord to act; they have frustrated Your law."

Why do you think it is time for the Psalter here to ask God to act as if God needs to be reminded of His responsibilities? Even if He is to be reminded of such, who is qualified so to do? Certainly not us we mortals and clay of the ground. Perhaps any of the Godhead members even though I think they are not even qualified as He makes Them Who and What they are and They too worship and reverence Him. So who is here qualified so to act? None really. So what does this request portend or is it outright useless? Certainly no. I have said it over and over again that except we are led by His Holy Ghost, there are times we express our emotions by way of praying. But only when His Holy Spirit prays in us are we truly praying. My opinion of this verse as it affects the urging of God to rise and act is that the Psalter is expressing his emotions based on his perception of the situation he was in. God never needs reminding of anything. You will recollect that prophet Elijah was downcast to the extent that he thought rightly from his own perspective he was the only surviving prophet and servant of God. He was to realize through His revelation that there were over 7000 souls for the Lord God of Israel in a place he saw zero membership. All I have come to realize is the need to praise and thank God always particularly when we are fagged out. And ask me who has ever been fagged out as me, yet God is Lord and in control of all. Alleluia.

PRAY you are in the Faith all the time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 9-11; 1 Timothy 6

OCTOBER 27TH KNOWING **THE OTHER FEATURES OF THE WORD OF GOD**

READ Psalm 119:130 "The entrance and unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple."

The Word of God we know is God. Yet we are talking of His revelation here in this verse for today. Since the fall and near ruin in Eden, mankind has lost the fellowship of God as He used to come down at the cool of the day daily I suppose to fellowship with His delight-the man He has created. Never again shall we have Him as we had then. The best we had after that was the fellowshipping of His Son in and with us in His incarnation. Yet, this was not the same as God the Father Personally coming down as He was and is and will ever be. Now we have the Holy Spirit indwelling us. Nevertheless at the fullness of time, we shall see Him face to face and there will be no hiding of anything again from us as we would have been perfected. Until then He has left us with His Written Word which we know as His Holy Bible which together with the Holy Spirit, His Spirit really, we would navigate this earth if we listen to Him through These twosome. It is in this regard that we come to today's ministration that the unraveling of His Word; the unfolding of same gives Light to all who care. As a result there is total understanding in digesting His Word. There is no greater Light than His Word now in our own dispensation of Grace. Do take advantage of this wonderful and gracious opportunity. You won't regret doing so. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will abide in His Word as you allow same to abide in you too

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 12-14; 2 Timothy 1

OCTOBER 28TH KNOWING THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO MEN'S BREAKING OF HIS LAWS

READ Psalm 119:136 "Streams of water run down my eyes, because men do not keep Your law [they hear it not, nor receive it, love it, or obey it]."

If our God could weep for our unbelief; if God Himself could regret creating man for the continuous evil in our hearts; if the Holy Spirit prays in us even the redeemed with uttering too deep to make, then it must be certain and clearly too to all of us here that for everyone who will flout the Laws of the Lord God, our appropriate response should be to weep for the failing of such a soul not just for his physical body. Remember that even the death of the righteous means a lot to God the Father Who is seated in the heavenly as noted in Psalm 116. For there to be any who will not feel bad and sad for the loss of a soul, such a person needs to be examined spiritually to know if his soul is still in place. You will recollect that Scripture notes that Jesus our Savior and Lord weeps just once as indicated in John 11:35. Many reasons have been adduced for His cry. But I think the best and true is the truth that His disciples as well as all those who were there could not fathom the extent of the powers of God as infinite to be able to do whatsoever He decides regardless of the state of the thing or being. If bringing back a dead of days old already decomposing is this met with distrust and unbelief, what do we say to the bringing back to life of the dry bones of Ezekiel 37? The point is God is God and Lord having no

limit and nursing no impossibility. Believe this now and see the grace of God as seen by the onlookers of the binging back of Lazarus to life. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are this believing

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 15-017; 2 Timothy 2

OCTO BER 29TH KNOWING OF GOD'S RIGTHEOUS RIGIDITY

READ Psalm 119:137 "[Rigidly] righteous are You, O Lord, and upright are Your judgments and all expressions of Your will."

Ordinarily, rigidity or being rigid is not to be cultivated; certainly not at all as rigidity is seen in its negative connotation in the normal use of the language. But from its use here, rigidity has nothing negative in its characterization. Rather it denotes the unchangeability and immutability of the Godhead. Malachi the prophet has noted that God is God and Lord Who does not change. For which cause the sons of Jacob are not consumed till today and will remain so until eternity beginning. To be rigidly upright therefore connotes a righteous character not just a feature as any who is rigidly righteous will refuse to do anything and all things unrighteous not minding the cost to be paid for this non-compromise. The trio of the Hebrew Jews in Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon rightly comes to mind. They were so rigid they would not serve any manmade God as to tell it to the face of the Emperor who in becoming furious ordered them roasted alive. They came out stronger. Mordecai was another rigidly righteous who would not bend his kneels for a mere man who saw himself as a thin god. He prevailed over him. We can also talk of Daniel the leader of the trio earlier mentioned. The point is if our Lord and God is that rigidly righteous, you and I must be no less rigid in our righteousness. Pray be this blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you are rigidly righteous all days of your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 18-19; 2 Timothy 3

OCTOBER 30TH HAVEN'T SEEN HIS EVELASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS YET, HAVE YOU?

READ Psalm 119:142 "Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is truth."

At least not once in this volume I have noted and talked on the everlasting nature of God and all His characters and features if we can so see it. Everlasting can be classified as one of the transparent words and expressions of English which by their mere mentioning we deduce their meanings. As a result, everlasting as the expression sounds is anything that never ends or lasts forever. It is the same thing as saying eternity. God is eternal and in Him all things and beings eternal gain their eternity. Endlessness is another expression for everlasting and is also transparent. Enough of some form of morphology as this is not English language lesson. The truth of God and all characterization of and about Him is that they are everlasting. They have no end as He Himself is endless. As regards His righteousness which is the core or at least one of His

core features revealed to mankind, we know that His righteousness the same that is His ability to justify is eternal since it derives from His Being whatever and however we may characterize this. God is Spirit more than a spirit and His Righteousness too is spiritual. Being spiritual it is deathless as it cannot die. Whatever is deathless is everlasting. But with God we are talking of the Prime and Supreme Eternity of all eternities however we may construe it. The essence of our ministration today is that the love God has and has shown for you and me as well as all faithful is eternal. There is no fear of it ever ceasing. Rather as noted in the Lamentations, they are new every morning, Great indeed is the faithfulness of the Lord God. Alleluia.

PRAY you are this blessed eternally

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 20-21; 2 Timothy 4

OCTOBER 31ST KNOWING HIS EVERLASTING TESTIMONIES AND DECREES

READ Psalm 119:144 "Your righteous testimonies are everlasting and Your decrees are binding to eternity; give me understanding and I shall live [give me discernment and comprehension and I shall not die]."

The point I am led to minister on today on the basis of our foundation talk of yesterday is that the decrees of God Almighty which are His commandments or what theologians will call His purposive will as opposed to His permissive wills are binding from eternity beginning to eternity ending if there is anything like that. But I am sure you understand my intentions here. If they are binding upon the children of Israel with whom the Assembly of God started from where we now have the Church, His Church really, we must know that they are no less binding on us all today as they were then. That is what it means for God to be known as unchangeable or immutable as noted again in Hebrews 6. As a result, Grace or no Grace, we all have to reverentially fear Him and shudder in awe of our Terrible God as some Bible books name Him. He is also popularly relative to my use of Terrible here known as seen as a Fire Consuming. Remember what He did to the two sons of Aaron who were the first two priests following after their father the first High and chief Protest. As a result we should not take His Grace for granted and frustrate Him by behaving nonsensically or nonchalantly. The consuming fire in Him is still as potent as it was in the Beginning of His ways and will so remain. But in Christ Jesus we are graciously shielded from His wrath soteriologically. Do you understand this much? Otherwise you and I will not live as noted in this Scriptural verse. Blessed be the Lord God Almighty always, alleluia.

PRAY you will never frustrate the Lord God Almighty in His show of Grace

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 22-23; Titus 1

NIOVEMBER 1ST APPRECIATING HIS GREAT AND TENDER MERCIES ALWAYS

READ Psalm 119:156 "Great are Your tender mercy and lovingkindness, O Lord; give me life according to Your testimonies."

It is not automatic that people appreciate and acknowledge the tender mercy and lovingkindness of the Lord God Almighty. No, it is not always the case. But this should always be the case regardless of the circumstance we find ourselves. I am a living witness of not thanking Him enough not at all in prosperity where this means when I have no noticeable challenge and my needs are presently met. But when in dire need, I always thank Him exceptionally and usually without thinking it out. It just comes that I am thanking Him every minute and I mean every minute. Why it is so I cannot tell you now because I am not really sure. But the situation is such that when I am in need or better put there is a pressing challenge beyond my control the next thing I notice is my thanking Him profusely and the next moment the challenge is either over or He expressly talks to me on it and tells me when exactly it is over and so it will be. I am not saying it is the standard for any or that it should be. All I am saying here is talking and sharing my own personal experiences. So what is yours? Whatever may be yours, the truth is that as believers and true faithful, we owe it a duty to appreciate and acknowledge the goodness of God for our all and His always ever present loving-kindness without which we are all naught. Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you are this appreciative of His loving-kindness in your life always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 24-26; Titus 2

NOVEMBER 2ND REJOICING AT YOUR WORD O LORD

READ Psalm 119:162 "I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great spoil."

What does it mean for one to rejoice at the Word of the Lord? Or better still what does rejoicing in the Lord generally mean? To rejoice is to be in a state of great splendor occasioned by satisfaction and in this case satisfaction in the reality and fulfillment of the Lord in one's life. It has nothing to do with money or monetary implication. What it means is there is great satisfaction in the soul-man of the person the same that is best expressed by appreciating God for Who and What He is. This is the sense that is connoted here in today's Scriptural verse. Any who is so blessed will find fulfillment in himself or herself based on the comportment the Word of God just read or remembered or simply dropped into one's heart. This is the more reason why Jesus the Savior as well as all the apostles of His martyred for His sake found fulfillment in their death. They knew and had the Word of God in them the same that ministered Faith they have been used to then at the point of giving up their ghost. In the case of Stephen he confessed seeing the Lord Jesus seated on the right hand of the Lord God. At this point nothing made any meaning to him any more than to be with the Savior permanently. You too can be this blessed if you will repose trust in the Lord God Almighty, alleluia. AMEN.

PRAY you are this joyous in Him Who is the Word that has being from the beginning

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 27-29; Titus 3

NOVEMBER 3RD PRAISING GOD TO PERFECTION DAILY

READ Psalm 119:164 "Seven times a day and all day long do I praise You because of Your righteous decrees."

What becomes immediately clear from today's Scriptural verse is the need to praise God endlessly daily. In other words, it is not important to praise Him only as much as praising Him to the level of perfection. In theological parlance on numerology, seven stands for perfection. Thus, when here we are told to praise Him seven times daily for this is simply the message here, it must be noted and understood that we are to praise Him endlessly every day of our lives. If there is anything; if there is all things acceptably to Him all days of our lives morning, afternoon, and evening, it is praising the Lord. I don't want to assume we all know what to praise Him is. I assume zero knowledge here. So what is praising the Lord that we may do it continually all days of our lives? It is acknowledging Him for Who and What He is and appreciating Him with appropriate thanks for this. It is not overlooking any of His benefits for us regardless of whatever challenges we are facing. It is seeing His goodness in our all and being grateful. This act of gratefulness summarizes all we have been trying to effectively characterize here. Are you grateful to God? Am I grateful to Him? Indeed, am I grateful enough to the Lord God of my fathers in ages gone to the ages present and future? This is the crux of the whole ministration today-gratefulness. For great is the faithfulness of the Lord God the same which we are to reciprocate all the time. Amen.

PRAY you praise Him enough daily

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 30-31; Philemon

NOVEMBER 4TH LIVING IN YOUR PRAISES AND DECREES

READ Psalm 119:175 "Let me live that I may praise You, and let Your decrees help me."

Having postulated yesterday the only reason for our living is to praise the Lord God to perfection as does the twenty four elders daily on their thrones of glory, it is meet for us now based on the Scriptural verse for today to know that the only reason therefore for our living, indeed, for our creation is to praising Him. This accounts for today's ministration verse which in summary notes that He should let us live, meaning He should give us life purposely for praising Him. In this context, praising the Lord is not just by the fruits of our mouths, no. It is not just this and can never so be. Rather, it is through the fruits and produce of the totality of our beings the same that is fashioned after His image for this purpose. Put another way, are my works, walking, dancing, eating, profession, sleep, rest and the likes to His glory? Can God be glorified in my being-whatever I do or refuse to do, do they bring Him the deserved glory? How I go about my profession of teaching for instance; how I function as a father; my role as a mother and wife not to talk of my other roles in various and varying ways of life; do they glorify Him? What is His attitude towards all that is mine and how I go about my services in the world? When there is enough to eat, and when it pleases Him not to make any provision for the day; when it pleases Him to bruise me as He did the Savior, or when in His decrees all I need is to have His thorn in my flesh buffeting me daily; are my responses to these vicissitudes of life glorifying to His name?

How do I view His decrees giving rise to all these? These are all put together living to His praises in our all. So how well are you faring in all these? I am no doubt deficient and almost destitute in all these. Save me from destitution O Lord of the ages, amen.

PRAY you will see the divine reason for your living now

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 32-33; Hebrews 1

NOVEMBER 5TH SEEKING GOD TO SEEK YOU FROM WAYWARDNESS

READ Psalm 119:176 "I have gone astray like a lost sheep, seek, inquire for, and demand Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments."

I am happy and glad really for God to have given me the grace for the first time to this assiduously study and pen down His revelations to me on this longest Psalm of the Scripture which in a way is a miniature of the entire Scripture. The end verse is indeed as good as the beginning for what else does a sinner like me require to commence my way of approach to His holiness and His Highness His Excellency the Lord God Almighty than a confession of my waywardness? This is even worse than my waywardness outside of His knowledge or grace. I am talking of my waywardness in His Grace meaning after coming to knowing Him as it is. Hence the confession of not forgetting His commandments which His knowledge has given to me. Yet, I have been most unfaithful in obeying them all. But the good news in all this is my acknowledgment of my waywardness and my acceptance of my need of seeking His reunion like a convicted sinner that I am. I confess to all my readers that I am indeed humbled by today's reading from this Scriptural verse. It is as if I am found out anew in my unworthiness just as the prophet Isaiah was seen in chapter 6 of his lengthy revelation after he was shown how vile he was and yet, confronting with the Holiest in killing King Uzziah you had just departed after being slapped with leprosy by His Highness. Seek and find me anew O Lord and make it impossible for me to go astray again; no; never outside of your commandments. Alleluia.

PRAY you are this noble in obedience this one time, amen

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 34-36; Hebrews 2

NOVEMBER 6TH MORE ABOUT KNOWLEDGE AND KNOWING GOD

READ 1 Corinthians 8:1 "NOW ABOUT food offered to idols: of course we know that all of us possess knowledge [concerning these matters. Yet mere] knowledge causes people to be puffed up (to bear themselves loftily and be proud), but love (affection and goodwill and benevolence) edifies and builds up and encourages one to grow [to his full stature]."

There is the need for us to analyze the Scriptural verse above as much as time and space will allow us. First the verse avers that we all have knowledge. Is this so? Yes, it is true that all persons that are normal and not demented are knowledgeable. If one is of the Faith no matter one's level of righteousness, one certainly has knowledge. But mere knowledge is to be

distinguished from real knowledge of the Word of God Almighty. And this is where the issue at hand becomes dicey. It is one thing to be knowledgeable to the extent of its being beneficial to the recipient. It is another matter entirely for one's knowledge to be harmful for one as one cannot make wise use of same. I have been confronted with situations akin to that in Numbers 16 when members of my Assembly of God who have been edified by my ministrations got puffed up and declared that all had the Holy Spirit. As a result I should not lord over them. Here again we are reminded of the sons of Korah who having been promoted to high positions in the ministry of Moses in the wilderness got puffed up. The point today is for us all not to be puffed up exceedingly because of the little impact of His Being in us. Rather we should all be as humble as our Lord and Savior is such that we can be who and what He has destined us to be. Alleluia.

PRAY you are most humbled and never wait to be humbled by pride

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 37-39; Hebrews 3

NOVEMBER 7TH INESTIMABLE ROLE OF LOVE IN KNOWLEDGE

READ 1 Corinthians 8:2 "If anyone imagines that he has come to know and understand much [of divine things, without love], he does not yet perceive and recognize and understand as strongly and clearly, nor has he become as intimately acquainted with anything as he ought or as is necessary."

In the 13th chapter of the same epistle to the Corinthian saints, the same very apostle Paul notes that for whatever we are worth in the faith that is Christ Jesus the Savior, without our true imbuement of His love and the same flowing in us as we perform our tasks within the laid down course apportioned to us even before the beginning of the earth, we are just mere shadows of the reality that Christ Jesus our Lord came into the earth to impart on us all who will believe. What we have on our hands today is an extension of same by way of allowing our knowledge of God in Christ to rub in on our all. We are to allow the love of God that passes all understanding of men to override our knowledge and teach us how to utilize and dispense same as becomes necessary. Where our knowledge becomes counterproductive to His reign in us and for us, we are to jettison such knowledge and put on the stupid cap. The very apostle Paul has also written that he became all things for all men that he may by all means win some for the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence at one time in his defense of the Faith that is Jesus as seen in the latter chapters of Acts of the Apostles, he maintained he was a Pharisee to free himself temporarily from the clutches of Satan and his cohorts. Let love be you as you are love to all who are apportioned to come your way here on earth.

PRAY you are love not just aspiring so to become

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 40-42; Hebrews 4

NOVEMBER 8TH THE TRUE NATURE OF IDOLS AND MANMADE GODS

RESD 1 Corinthians 8:4 "In this matter, then, of eating food offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing (has no real existence) and that there is no God but one."

An idol is that which the foolish man, permit my language puts up by himself and for himself in place of the true and Righteous God of the heavens the same that he worships and sacrifices to. In other words, an idol is a fake for the real and true God of the heavens Who is kept away from the eyes of all men whether sinful or otherwise. By implication, if your own god is seen and borne by you from place to place; or if it is the self image or the wife image that is occupying the position of the true God in your life, then you are worshipping an idol and the same is an image. According to today's Scriptural verse, an idol is nothing, and this is simply the truth of Scripture. In the heavenly or in the placement of the God of the heavens and His myriads of hosts the idol or any manmade image as a representation of Him has no place. It is indeed what it is said to be-idol. In real life we have dolls for our use and the use of our younger ones. The idol is no better than this even though Satan invests such images with satanic powers to do some things. Remember that initially in Egypt, the magicians who were the earthly representatives of satanic idols competed effectively with Moses and Aaron until when God decided to show them what they were-mere images when the lice were on them as well as the people who depended on them. What I am positing emphatically here is that idols and images are simply deceptive. Thus anything purportedly offered to them is offered to Satan and his fallen angels. Glory is the Lord in the heavens alleluia, amen.

PRAY you are most blessed in the Lord God Almighty always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 43-45; Hebrews 5

NOVEMBER 9TH PUTTING FAITH FIRST

READ 1 Corinthians 8:13 "Therefore, if [my eating a] food is a cause of my brother's falling or of hindering [his spiritual advancement], I will not eat [such] flesh forever, lest I cause my brother to be tripped up and fall and be offended."

The point been made here in this Scriptural verse is that although an idol is nothing, and any and all foods purportedly offered to them are without any significance thus prompting my eating of same if my conscience does not condemn me, yet I will not eat same because of my brother in the faith who is not as strong and firmly built up as I am. Thus, consideration for what others would say or how they would interpret a particular action of the faithful from the social and cultural perspectives even if such negates not the Scriptural provisions should always be considered. You will recall that we all know that circumcision has nothing to do with justification by faith as we are all saved by the Precious Blood of Jesus the same that was shed on the cross at Calvary some two thousand plus years ago, yet, the apostles in Jerusalem advised the very apostle Paul to submit to the Mosaic provision for the sake of the brethren the same that he stoutly adhered to in the Temple court. Even our Lord and Savior Who as a Jew was not to be taxed had to pay for Himself as well as for Peter the apostle to fulfill all righteousness. It was in the same vein that John the Baptizer had to submit himself to be humbled by baptizing His Lord

Who was too great in His humility to bow before His creature. How wonderful is it to give consideration for others in matters of our Faith in Him!

PRAY you are this led always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 46-47; Hebrews 6

NOVEMBER 10TH COMING TO TERMS WITH SLOTHFULNESS

RESD Proverbs 19:15 "Slothfulness casts one into a deep sleep, and the idle person shall suffer hunger."

Another commonly employed word for slothfulness today is laziness. Thus we are examining the nature of laziness or the implication of giving oneself to laziness. You will notice that even before the fall, man was not created to be lazy. He was endowed with the ability to till the ground and to take care of his environment. Of course taking care of hi9s environment is also a pointer to the need of him to take care of himself as it would have been absurd for him to expect the Lord God in His graciousness to come and do that for him. Thus from the beginning, the man was created to be useful. By implication all I have just posited points out to the fact that any who is lazy is not useful to himself, his environment and ultimately to his Lord and God. When the fall came up in Eden God amplified the need for the man to work with his all and made his prosperity subject to his fulfilling this condition. Hence, from the sweat from the man's brow he would eat all days of his life until he returns into the ground from where he was taken out in the first instance. The implication here been that if he would not work meaningfully; if he would take to slothfulness, then he was not to eat; then he would eventually die out of slothfulness. This is the major thrust of today's Scriptural verse. The man who is God's creation must not be slothful. Our Lord and Savior showed us the example as He worked the work of His Father all His days here on earth. Besides He maintained that His Father the Lord God worked until then. There is nothing to suggest that He has since ceased working. So why would you be slothful? This particular ministration you are reading now I am writing from my home at exactly 20.07 after a hectic days' job in the church that left no room for writing. And I have not finished the day's work yet. You have no reason to be slothful. Amen.

PRAY you will work judiciously with your hands to righteously earn your living

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 48-49; Hebrews 7

NOVEMBER 11TH KNOWING HOW TO KEEP YOUR LIFE SAVE

READ Proverbs 19:16 "He who keeps the commandment [of the Lord] keeps his own life, but he who despises His ways shall die."

The one responsibility and duty really which everyone owes himself or herself is self preservation. The opposite of this is suicide whether in the way we know it or otherwise. We all owe it a duty to keep our lives and I want to believe all of us are this committed even though

there are a few exceptions now of suicide bombers who prefer to keep their own lives by killing others through dying in the process on religious basis. But I am here concerned with self preservation as we all commonly know and accept it meaning living in this world free of any known danger. The interesting thing is most people go the wrong way to preserving their lives. It is either they are doing it by buying security gadgets or investing in one form of insurance or the other. These are acceptable ways even to me as well. But what I consider the best way of preserving one's life is keeping the laws of God as outlined for us all in His Holy Book the Holy Bible. There are a lot of them summarized by the same Lord as the love of God our Creator as well as the love of our neighbors as ourselves. The underlying fact of this is we all love ourselves or should so do. Any who does not love himself knowingly or otherwise cannot love others and any who does not care to know and quite know the laws of God cannot keep same. The point is to keep yourself alive in line with His purpose of creating you, you must know His laws and have the willingness to keep them as you are concerned. You are blessed in Him today as well.

PRAY you will desire to keep His laws

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 50; Hebrews 8

NOVEMBER 12TH LEARNING TO LENDING TO THE LORD GOD

READ Proverbs 19:17 "He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and that which he has given He will repay to him."

To have pity at all is to have compassion and to proceed to showing same. It is the same thing as being sympathetic to the yearnings and concerns of the other. Usually, it is the lowly, the less privileged and the underlings that require our compassion and mercy. Put another way, it is more of the case that the highly placed is better positioned to have pity on the underling. This is the focus of today's ministration. We are told that not only is it good to pity the less privileged but that actually doing this is really lending to the Lord God Almighty. It is said here and I know and believe and have seen it in practice that when we have pity on the less privileged we are identifying with the Lord Who desires that all should be comfortable and convenient were it not for the fall in Eden. While sin and its consequences play out in our lives and environment until the end of both sin and death, any who will see through God's original plan for mankind will identify with God and His purpose and will have returned unto him in multiple fold that which he had sewn into the life of the less fortunate. In other words, we can all partner with the Lord by sowing our inheritance in the wellbeing of the less privileged. Who knows where we ourselves are headed to in the near or far future! For this reason ought you and I to assist the needy as much as we are so empowered. We are to go out of our ways to be good doers to the less privileged. Remain blessed in His Grace amen.

PRAY you are this knowledgeable always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jeremiah 51-52; Hebrews 9

NOVEMBER 13TH COMING TO TERMS WITH THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF BEING PRONE TO WRATH

READ Proverbs 19:19 "A man of great wrath shall suffer the penalty; for if you deliver him [from the consequences], he will [feel free to] cause you to do it again."

There is no doubt we are all created with the ability of getting angry. This is a fact of life and it is also a divine truth. God Himself gets angry. As a matter of divine truth, anger is one of the righteous emotions we garner from the Lord having been made in His image. It is for this reason the Bible itself makes provisions for righteous anger as we are urged to be angry but not to sin in our anger. One who is given to excessive anger the same that is wrath or who is easily aroused in anger cannot make much in life. Why? It is because all he would have achieved on a normal day will be pulled down just once his wrath takes the better part of him. I am not sure if there cannot be a righteous wrath. This is debatable. What I am led to focus upon now is the truth that being given to too much anger is injurious to health as well as a conducive atmosphere. You need to overlook a lot of things to maintain a healthy relationship. Besides, self control is one of the nine fruits of the Spirit of God which any true believer of God should be endowed with. Even then it is gradient. So how can I be bestowed with the appropriate self control? I think first and foremost, one needs to desire it. This means one has to be aware of the need for effective self control in one's journey with the Lord here on earth and go after same for as long as it will take one. One has to ask for same of the Lord and consciously develop having same. With constant prayer and expression of the will to have same, I am confident we would not be denied of this righteous request and must-have fruit of His Spirit. Alleluia.

PRAY you are Holy Spirit controlled all the time

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Lamentations 1-2; Hebrews 10:1-18

NOVEMBER 14TH BEING WISE IN TIME TO COME

READ Proverbs 19:20 "Hear counsel, receive instruction, and accept correction, that you may be wise in the time to come."

If we are here so admonished, it means first and foremost the availability of these virtues for every true believer of His. These are counsel, instruction, and correction. So what are these really as we journey in and with the Lord God? By counsel here is meant the way of the Lord. It is not subject to our acceptance if we are truly born again and are abiding in the Faith. Any who has the counsel of God knows that it is the commandment of the Lord God. It is so called and termed because we have our being as His free agent with our freewill the same that holds us accountable for all our actions and inactions. Instruction is as good as the counsel of God. As a matter of fact and truth, they are free synonyms. But where instruction may defer from counsel is that instructions are given straight away as commands without any attempt to color them. As a result, instructions are better seen as commandments a good example and illustration of which are the Ten Commandments. These are no counsel but are the imperatives by which we

live and failing which we cease to live. Correction differs from both in that it is based on the act already committed wrong the same that needs to be righted. So any who is corrected in whatever manner should be happy and joyous in the Lord that he or she has his or her mistake highlighted and the way out of same indicated. Any who will live in this line of accepting instruction; making do with correction, and not disdaining the counsel of the Lord will have a better tomorrow regardless of what today holds for the person.

PRAY you will live in the counsel and instruction of the Lord Most High

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Lamentations 3-5; Hebrews 10:19-39

NOVEMBER 15TH ASCERTAINING THE FEATURE OF THE SLUGGARD ONCE AGAIN

READ Proverbs 19:24 "The sluggard buries his hand in the dish, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again."

We need to at this point define once again who a sluggard is even though I am sure you know one already and you can recognize any, any day. By simple definition, a sluggard is the same as a slothful person. To be slothful is to be extremely lazy and unwillingly to do anything. The word slot is derived from an American animal which lives in a tree and is small. Being small is no reason for not being active. Thus, a sluggard is an inactive person who in his inactivity is lazy. As seen here in today's Scriptural verse, he is so downright lazy that he needs someone to help him bring his hands out of the bowl of stew or food and also assists him to put it into his mouth. That will not be the last of the endless assistance though as there would also be need to help him chew the meal until it is digested. Thank God he needs nothing to do really in terms of digestion. But after that you can bet he would also need another to see him to the toilet to pass out the waste. In other words, sloths are never-do-wells. As a result they are the enemies of all who labor to eke out a living. No one needs to be slothful as even our Lord and God Who created us and sustains us still works till today. So why be a sloth or why be slothful? Come out of your slothfulness today and be a blessing unto yourself. Amen.

PRAY you are this knowledgeably blessed today and always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 1-2; Hebrews 11:1-19

NOVEMBER 16TH SEEING REPROVE AS NECESSITY TO WISDOM

READ Proverbs 19:25 "Strike a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence; reprove a man of understanding, and he will increase in knowledge."

There is a sense in which this Scriptural verse is an aphorism the same that is a self manifested truth. Indeed, all witty sayings as this are any way. The point today however is not really this as much as the truth of God that He only reproves any that He loves. In other words, no one can know his error for which it is a common saying the eye does not see itself except through the mirror. In other words, we are not likely to know our errors unless pointed out to us. Besides,

the Scripture as given has noted of itself as good for instructions, reprove, corrections and instructions in righteousness so that every man and woman of God may become fulfilled in his or her works of righteousness. There is no way you will be fulfilled in this Way of righteousness without righteous rebuke. Only the Godhead Members are free of rebuke as They make no mistakes nor are They ever wrong in their ways. All created beings whether angelic or not are subject to faults. It is human to err, and it is also human to be corrected or even rebuked for the evil or ills committed. Indeed, it would be catastrophe if we err and we are not reproved. Yes, reprove and rebuke don't go down well. They initiate in one an uneasy feeling towards wanting to be perfect. But all corrections that engender righteous feeling of guilt always lead to righteous amendment of our ways. Where we are left uncorrected, we err the more thereafter. In this today's Scriptural piece is perfect for you and me. We need to be subject to corrections and make appropriate amend in the Lord God.

PRAY you are this humble enough

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 3-4; Hebrews 11:20-40

NOVEMBER 17TH IDENTIFYING THE SHAMEFUL AND SORROW BRINGING SON

RED Proverbs 19:26 "He who does violence to his father and chases away his mother is a son who causes shame and brings reproach."

Ordinarily, a son is not only supposed to be honorable but to also be a harbinger of honor to his parents whether the father or the mother. For one thing, the parents are the earthly representative of the heavenly based Lord and God. They are the visible appointees of the invincible God. For this reason is the first law outside of God a conditional one upon which adherence our days are prolonged on earth or otherwise. Ordinarily one would have questioned the inclusion of this part in Scripture as it is intended to be well known and embraced by all. But even in Scripture examples abound of where this holy and righteous precept has been wantonly abused. Ham you will recollect dishonored his father by ridiculing his nakedness not to talk of Absalom who slept with ten of his father's secondary wives and in public too. Thereafter he sought his father's life. This is outside of Reuben who slept with his father's wife as if there were no females any more on earth. Of recent in our time here we heard of a son in a Christian city who killed his father who was a lawyer and a pastor for hitting him on the cheek for not answering amen to his prayer purposely said for the boy. He later butchered his father and packed his remains in a box which he later dumped at a site. He was to confess to his crime thereafter. It is in the light of these occurrences that we agree with the Lord's inspiration here that such a son or daughter brings unmitigated reproach to his parents, and if parents, his Creator as well. Save us from this O Lord.

PRAY you will honor your father and mother as stipulated by God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 5-7; Hebrews 12

NOVEMBER 18TH LEARNING TO OBEY ALL DIVINE INSTRUCTIONS

READ Proverbs 19:27 "Cease, my son, to hear instruction only to ignore it and stray from the words of knowledge."

The focus of today's Scriptural verse is to be seen in our not just hearing Scriptural verses for the mere hearing sake, or just to come to Church assembly for the fun of doing this. Rather, we are to be doers of the Word of God heard. How? We are to take time to ruminate on Scriptural readings noting the salient points and taking time to cross reference them. Then we pray over them asking God to enable us to imbibe the Word read. Reading just once will never attain anything. Instead of this we are to read often various verses of Scriptures as necessary and where need be memorize some for our use. There is no way we would grow in the Faith except we take time off our busy schedules; except we make Scriptural reading and meditation part of our daily schedule and religiously keep to same. We have to have a daily Bible study plan to which we would be daily devoted such that in a year at least we can read through the entire Bible once and be prepared to answer questions reasonably on them as well as asking others questions. Bible study must not be made recreational. They are not so made. Rather, we are to daily munch of the Scripture. This is what is called in this Devotional **HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY.** For instance I subscribe to other devotionals all of which I read daily together not just our own such that I can compare what the Lord is saying through other ministers of His to what we have here. As a matter of truth, I subscribe to one local one as well as other international ones and I encourage members of the congregation of God in my care to so do. You will be most blessed in doing this too as I am being blessed. Amen.

PRAY you will learn His precepts as written in the Holy Book

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 8-10; Hebrews 13

NOVEMBER 19TH CROSSING THE RED SEA AS THOUGH ON DRY LAND

READ Hebrews 11:29 "[Urged on] by faith the people crossed the Red Sea as [though] on dry land, but when the Egyptians tried to do the same thing they were swallowed up [by the sea]."

I am sure you must have heard of the word presumption before now. Yes, your hearing is right. If before now you have not seen its demonstration, here is one instance and just one really. It was the same Sea of Reeds that allowed passage through it by the Israelites that swallowed the Egyptians. Why? The reason is the Egyptians were presumptuous. How do I mean? They only followed suit of what in our own local expression here we call *follow-follow* meaning mimicking sheepishly. You will recollect that this was the only occasion the Israelites crossed the Sea of Reeds. This was so because they followed the instructions of the Lord to so do. The Egyptians were lord unto themselves. No one asked them to so do. In other words, there was no faith prompting them. Rather, they were self propelled. To start with, they never knew the Lord God neither did they believe in Him or honor Him so to be. Unlike this, the Israelites were God's

chosen. They were where they were by His Word and He purposed that He would glory over the Egyptians. The point is this. You too could be in the Faith, His Faith really and still be presumptuous. Remember the events in Numbers 14 when Israel His chosen were disobedient and would not faith in Him. He told them to turn back and circle the wilderness. They would not listen but were presumptuous and were consumed. Only be prompted by His Faith and so act.

PRAY you are living in His Faith and not being presumptuous

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY- Ezekiel 11-13; James 1

NOVEMBER 20TH SEEING THE MEAN ING OF SEVEN DAYS ENCOMPASSMENT

READ Hebrews 11:30 "Because of faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encompassed for seven days [by the Israelites]. "

In theological numerology or study of same, seven signifies perfection or completeness. Thus when you are asked to do anything biblically for seven days or for seven times or in that pattern, it is to be understood that perfection is being focused. What do I mean? There are instances when you will be promised by the Lord as my ministry was that in seven years we would be this blessed. But up till today we are yet to see this manifestation. It took me time and ardent study of Scripture to realize and understand that God has in mind the fullness of His time determined by Him alone. Thus when yesterday or the day before He asked me to make a violent offering cum sacrifice which I did and He said in seven days time this and that would happen if I did not renege on the agreement, I understood immediately the true meaning-that I must remain true to the covenant He has entered anew with me for the whole of my life to be fully perfected. So what is the application of this symbolism of the figure seven in your own particular case or cases? Israel circled the walls of Jericho for seven days doing it seven times in the seventh day and the wall came down flat. You will be so blessed only if and only if you abide in the Faith.

PRAY you are where He has planted you doing what He has fashioned for you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 14-15; James 2

NOVEMBER 21ST REMEMBERING THE EXAMPLE OF RAHAB THE FAITHFUL WHORE

READ Hebrews 11:31 "[Prompted] by faith Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed along with those who refused to believe and obey, because she had received the spies in peace [without enmity]."

Rahab you want to know was a Jerichan meaning she was of and in Jericho that city that was strongly structured and compassed about securely because of the invading Israelites. There and then she believed the God she heard about Who had been working wonders for the Israelites. She never knew Him or ever heard enough of Him. Nevertheless she believed the little she was privileged to hear. Then came the two male spies into her house by divine providence. They ran into her house not to say her for safety. They would have been prosperous suitors on a good

day. But the issue on hand was not fun. It was a matter of salvation in both physical and spiritual. She decided to side with God and demonstrated her professed love for this newly known about and accepted God by receiving His messengers of death with life. She risked her life for the lives of the duo both for her own people as well as for these two strangers who by any means should not have commanded her trust. But what was the motivating power behind all her actions? Faith, the faith that is Jesus Christ the Nazarene. In the same way, you and I are enjoined today as well as other days to believe God Almighty that simple. Just believe and you will see more revelations of His Glory in your life and living. Be a Mary and not a Martha who was not believing until prompted by the Savior as he saw his decomposing brother restored to life. This is but a little thing for God. What of the multitude of dry bones of prophet Ezekiel prophecy? You are just beginning to seeing His glorious revelations in your life. Amen.

PRAY you are always believing and not be unbelieving

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 16-17; James 3

NOVEMBER 22ND DOING THE RIGHT IN DISTRESS

READ Psalm 120:1 "IN MY distress I cried to the Lord, and He answered me."

We may have no choice as to the coming into our lives of challenges by whatever name via distress; temptation, persecution, and trial to mention just a few. But certainly we have a choice in our response to any of these. For instance Jesus Christ the Nazarene had no choice as to what befell Him here on earth. But He had a choice to be obedient unto death even death on the Cross. He needed not do anything. He wasn't forced to be obedient. It was a choice He made to the glory of the Father. In the same way, both Deacon Stephen and the very apostle Paul had no hand in the persecutions that claimed their lives at different times. Yet they chose to side with God and refused to retract as the enemy of their souls expected and demanded. This is the point we are making today. The same is this. When in distress or in challenging situations, how do you respond? The way you respond to a large extent says a lot about your faith and belief in the Lord or the absence of same. Remember how the very prophet and King David responded to the various calamities that plagued his life and reign. When first confronted with the need to kill his enemy in warfare, he responded that the Lord forbid that he should stretch his hands against God's anointed. He refrained from killing his enemy who was at his mercy. When again he was faced with executing Shimei the Benjamite who reviled him he responded negatively citing the Lord's mercy for all. And when the Amalekite came with what he considered good news of the death of King Saul, claiming to have killed him, David mourned instead. In all this, how do you respond in times of trouble? Crying to God as opposed to any other thing is the most righteous thing to do in turbulent times. Amen

PRAY you will act righteously all the time

HJIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 18-19; James 4

NOVEMBER 23RD CHARACTERIZING AND DEFINING THE DECEITFUL TONGUE

READ Psalm 120:3 "What shall be given to you? Or what more shall be done to you, you deceitful tongue?"

There is a sense we can define and characterize a deceitful tongue as an unrighteous tongue. Before you start to argue otherwise quickly run through Psalm 15 and you will agree with me in Toto that to be deceitful largely is to be unrighteous. Put another way, deceitfulness is not a feature of the righteous and any who is to be adjudged righteous; any who is to be taken as truly born again must shun all deceitfulness. To be deceitful is to deceive the other person. It is to sell for good that which is bad or to make one reject the good for painting same as bad. Whichever way we want to see it, deceitfulness is unrighteous and every deceitful tongue shall be condemned in the Day of Judgment. Let us consider this simple illustration. In the early church, Ananias and Sapphira his wife were deceitful and deliberately too. They appropriated unto themselves part of the money accruing from the sale of their land presenting the remaining as the whole. Even when prodded by Peter to reveal the open secret they would not open up. So the Holy Spirit had no choice than to kill them for being deceitful. Gehaz the erstwhile servant of Elisha the prophet had his apprenticeship terminated for being deceitful in the case of Naaman the leper. You and I need not be deceitful at all. We need to be righteous and tell the truth always. It doesn't matter what comes out of this eventually. You have been warned again today.

PRAY you are never deceitful again in life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 20-21; James 5

NOVEMBER 24TH CHOOSING PEACE FOR WAR

READ Psalm 120:7 "I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war."

When the Lord was leaving the earth, He willed His Peace for all believers and added that this was not as the world gives. As a result, we are the peaceful of the Lord. Whatever may be happening, we have the Peace of God Almighty Himself that passes all understanding of men. Consequently, we exude His Peace each time we minister by which I mean each time we talk and or play our part in the earth to which we are placed for now. It is not surprising though to see the enemies of our soul minster their pastime-death through warfare each time we are where we are. This is not to be feared at all. They are of the devil their father who started warfare first in heaven before bringing same into the earth thereafter. He cannot abide in His Peace but must always fight wars and get defeated and wounded in each warfare. This scene is what the Psalter here captures. Whether you like it or not, warfare will douse you in the face. This should not bother you as our Lord and God is the God of hosts. His hosts are adequately prepared for war wherever this may come up for the simple reason of garrisoning your Peace purchased of His Precious blood. To God Almighty be glory now and forever more, amen.

PRAY the knowledge of His Peace will suffice for you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 22-23; 1 Peter 1

NOVEMBER 25TH SEEKING GOD'S HELP ONLY FROM AND THROUGH HIM

READ Palm 121:1 "I WILL lift up my eyes to the hills [around Jerusalem], to sacred Mount Zion and Mount Moriah]-From whence shall my help come?"

Apart from the rhetoric of professing seeking help from the Almighty, most believers knowingly and otherwise seek God's help from every other source apart from the Source of all Himself. How do I mean? First and foremost our God is our Present Help in all time particularly in times of trouble. This much is emphasized in Psalm 46:1. Examples abound in Scripture when all the time the Lord is there Present in the times of trouble of the saints. From the Sea of Reeds to the waters of Meriba down to the slaughtering of Goliath by the youthful David God had always been there for His own and sometimes also for those not of His own stock. What will you say to the Israelites spies sent to Jericho to whom Rahab was a ready help and succor or what shall we say to the account of the melting down of Sinai at the Presence of His Excellency! God has been our Help. But most of the time we seek God outside of Himself. When Israel saw the ravaging hosts of Pharaoh approaching, they didn't seek God's help nor did they give God any opportunity of proving Himself. They condemned themselves bad enough; they even condemned God to the ravaging Pharaoh. So what happened? God instructed Moses His chosen to tell them to keep silent if they could not pray and see the wonders which He the Lord would accomplish. Truly all the hosts of Pharaoh they saw that day, they never ever saw again for the Lord fought for them. You too should keep silent in faith and let God prove Himself by Himself and not through any other means. You are most blessed in Him perpetually, amen.

PRAY you would allow God to be God of your life always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 24-26; 1 Peter 2

NOVEMBER 26TH KNOWING THE KEEPER OF ISRAEL

READ Psalm 121:4 "Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep."

Glory is God in the highest heavens for His revelation to us on a daily basis the same that keeps us going and moving in His power. Here we are confronted with a declarative assertion of the truth of Scripture-the Keeper of Israel, God's own people does not sleep nor does He slumber. Perhaps a better expression is cannot sleep nor can He slumber. Sleeping is necessary for the refurbishment of lost energy. Sleep is a form of rest that is necessary for the flesh to be reequipped. But God is not flesh nor is He the son of man that He should need rest. If He Himself will give strength to the weak and would invigorate the tired, then He must be beyond sleep. If for once God were to slumber, definitely, Satan will take control of the universe. For Satan lays in wait watching out for our sleepy periods. Besides, how can the Keeper of the entire universe, Who Himself created and sustains the universe sleep when Satan His arch enemy and his cohort

do not sleep? Who created sleep if not the eternal and all powerful God? So why worry about your life that has been kept safe in the sleepless God Almighty? I worry over nothing and all who are close to me know this. I am concerned about my responsibilities particularly those of the House of God and my family. But worry! God has solved that for long time ago. Why and how? Because He is in charge and He is able. There is no more able person than our God of the Ages Past. Trust Him solely.

PRAY you are sure of the powers and Being of God Almighty and be assured

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 27-29; 1 Peter 3

NOVEMBER 27TH TRUSTING GOD TO KEEP YOUR ALL ALWAYS

READ Psalm 121:7 "The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life."

One who reposes confidence in the mighty and everlasting God of the Ages will know or should have known that He is absolutely in charge of our all. Before we were born; even before the creation of Adam who was not born, God Who is seated in the heavenly knows our all. He fashions all; empowers us, and looks after us such that we can be a fulfillment of all He has promised us and purposed for us. Accordingly, we should all know that He would keep us from all evil. Two things need be explored here. What is evil? Evil is any and all things the Lord Himself has classified as not righteous. Evil is anything and all things inimical to our interest from the perspective of the Lord God. Thus, whatever will not advance God's purpose for our lives is evil. Secondly, keeping us from same is the same as not allowing same to prevail over us. It is not the same as not allowing same to come into our lives. In most cases He would allow same to come into our lives while empowering us like Jesus our Savior and Lord to overcome. Christ went through death; He experienced death but prevailed over death. In this way, God ensures you live the totality of His apportioned time for you here on earth as opposed to allowing you to live outside of His purpose for a second. Know this much; once you are given to God or you have laid your trust in Him, you are preserved to His glory. Be this assured today and always

PRAY you are assured of yourself in Himself

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 30-32; 1 Peter 4

NOCEMBER 28TH BEING GLADDEND IN RECEIVING THE GOODNEWS

READ Psalm 122:1 "I WAS glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord."

How would you react to a news that elevates the Church of God and I mean any local church of His of which you are not necessarily a member? Put another way, how does the whole of your being receive news of God's magnification anywhere and anytime? If your reaction is anything but joyful, then you need to examine the true spirit inhabiting you. If for any reason you do not feel good when you receive the news of God doing great in any part of the world the same that is His world; or if you are cold when His wonder working power is moving in any assembly other

than yours, then you are not a true believer. Or if you joy in the magnification of evil over good; or the promotion of evil over good, then you are not yet truly born again. It gets to a time when even what we term loosely as evil befall you, you rejoice in the Lord knowing that God is in the know before it is manifested and will never ever leave you to be overwhelmed by any untoward circumstance. At this point you are nearing perfection in His Faith as you can only react as the spirit in you is. If you are inhabited by evil spirit, then you will see no way out of any evil situation. But if God working in you sees any evil in your environment, He would only elevate your being to see beyond the immediate. Remember when the King of Syria surrounded Elisha's abode; his servant was worried and cried out aloud. But Elisha the prophet was cool and calm. Why? It is because he saw the hosts of God encamping around him and he could not be moved. Get out of your lukewarm attitude today and side with the Living God totally. Amen.

PRAY you are this blessed in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY- Ezekiel 33-43; 1 Peter 5

NOVEMBER 29TH KNOWING THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM AS WELL

READ Psalm 122:3 "Jerusalem, which is built as a city that is compacted together-"

The truth of the Scripture is as given above. Jerusalem is compacted together by hills and mountains. I have been privileged to have seen it as described in Scripture. There is nothing said in the Scripture that is not true of the city of God. It was in Jerusalem or Israel rather of which Jerusalem is part that I saw for the first time agricultural products germinating on hilly grounds. I had never before seen this or thought it possible. There I saw bananas growing and being covered by nylons to prevent birds from perching on them. I was at the Dead Sea the lowest part of the world. I visited the tomb of the Savior as well as that of King David. Yet all seen there is nothing compared with the heavenly Jerusalem that is presently in the heart and mind of the Lord even though He has graciously given us some of the details. In the Heavenly Jerusalem also called the New city as opposed to the New Earth and the New Heavens, there will be no sun or moon or any light for that matter. They are not needed as the God of the heavens and the Lamb are the Light thereof. There is no Temple in the New City but the Throne of the Lord God and the Lamb. There is no mention of the Holy Spirit therein; at least not in the Bible as revealed to us presently. I am of the opinion that the Holy Spirit being the Essence of the Father and the Son will be present in both the Father and the Son. The New City is a cube measuring 1500 kilometers in height, width, length, and breadth. This City of God has its street made of gold. There are trees of life therein on either side of the road producing fruits in the multiple of twelve monthly through which the inhabitants of the New Earth will be free from sickness and if sickness then from death. You need to be qualified for this New City of God made especially for you and me. Don't tarry behind but work in His Grace NOW. You are blessed.

PRAY you are this blessed in His Glory

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 35-36; 2 Peter 1

NOVEMBER 30TH PEACE AS NEVER BEFORE

READ Psalm 122:7 "May peace be within your walls and prosperity within your palaces."

When He was leaving the earth; the Lord Jesus bequeathed to all His servants who will remain faithful to Him to the end of their sojourn here on earth Peace as never before. This Peace I had examined in some details not too long ago in this devotional. In short this Peace is that akin to what the Adams enjoyed in Eden until they fell from Grace. It is not idleness but being rested in the peaceful coexistence with the Lord God in His apportioned portion of His Palace. We would not be doing any worrisome work or any work outside of His purposive will. It is not idleness as many are wrongly schooled in this part of the world. It is the kind of Peace Jesus had with His Father while here on pilgrimage. He was never worried about anything. Even though He faced challenges then, He was most Peaceful. But in the New City, there would be no challenge facing anybody for we would be enabled to see as we are seen by Their Excellencies. We would be most complete. Again you realize Jesus gave us a glimpse of the New City when He declared that in His Father's House are many mansions. We all know what a mansion is. It is opulent, scandalously lavishing and most comforting. This is what is regarded here symbolically as the palaces of the Righteous in His Glory. The twenty four elders who are the representative of the translated saints all sit on thrones round the Throne of God and all wear each a golden crown. This talks of these palaces the number of which only He Who numbers the starry hosts know. We would be Peaceful and in a way be made Peace ourselves. Why not labor righteously now in His Grace to which you have been called not to miss out in this! You are blessed in Him amen.

PRAY you will be great and as great as His greatness

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 37-39; 2 Peter 2

DECEMBER 1ST SEEKING, INQUIRIUNG, AND REQUIRING GOD'S GOOD

READ Psalm 122:9 "For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek, inquire for, and require your good."

Good by whatever definition in the Scriptural refers to anything and all things pleasing to the Lord at any particular time. Anything outside of His pleasure is not good no matter how or what one feels about it. It is in this regard that we have to examine a few examples. God directed King Saul to exterminate the Amalekites and He was gracious enough to tell him why He had so decided- while Israel was in the wilderness Amalek attacked the frail and not too strong from the rear. For whatever reason, Saul and his elders thought otherwise. King Saul was never to reign again because what pleased God never pleased him. Achan was another illustration. Although he was from the favored tribe Judah, yet, he had to pay with his life when he took some of the devoted things for destruction for his personal use. From another perspective, God saw nothing wrong is giving out Bathsheba as wife to King David after he had killed her husband. What was more, the son given birth to by this woman whom others would classify as adulterous was named Jedidah meaning beloved of God and was to become the King after David executing

judgment on those we would term more legitimate children than him. As far as God was concerned it was good. We would never know enough of Him and in specific terms why He had so acted. The point I am making is no one has to judge God. No one can so do. We are His creatures. As a result we are to do His bidding. So in this characterization seek the good of the House of God which your body is as well as the extended House of God.

PRAY you always do His good

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 40-41; 2 Peter 3

DECEMBER 2ND KNOWING HIS TRUE APOSTLE

READ 1 Corinthians 9:1 "AM I not an apostle (a special messenger)? Am I not free (unrestrained and exempt from any obligation)? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you [yourselves] not [the product and proof of] my workmanship in the Lord?"

In this Scriptural piece too many we see in writing the qualities of an apostle of Christ Jesus. We are talking of the true apostle of His and no other. One major qualification was and still is seeing Jesus Christ the Lord. Ordinarily no living would have been qualified to be so called today were this to be limited to physical interaction. But seeing Jesus here is to be understood as seeing Him in the Spirit and the spiritual. Paul the apostle never knew the Lord in the physical even though he might have seen Him in all probability in His earthly sojourn. But on the way to Samaria, He saw and spoke with the Lord and even recognized Him. Secondly, an apostle must have written his own epistle of Christ in the hearts of some followers. This means he must have had converts for the Lord and truly too. By definition an apostle is a special messenger of Christ. So what makes him special and by implication there has not risen a female apostle. I am sorry if I am being chauvinistic or even if I am being so seen. But this is simply the truth. If any had risen I am yet to be informed. The special calling of the apostle Paul is to be here seen in his being sent to the Gentile world the same that you and I are for we are no Jews who by birth are knitted to the Lord God. He labored assiduously and most dangerously than all the apostles put together. You may need to refereshen your knowledge by going through 1 Corinthians 11:19ff for a start. Eventually, he died in his special calling. So when next any claims to be His apostle, check these credentials. He may after all be a cheat. You are blessed.

PRAY you will await His true call and calling

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 42-44; 1 John 1

DECEMBER 3RD KNOWING THE LIMIT OF CELIBACY

READ 1 Corinthians 9:5 "Have we not the right also to take along with us a Christian sister as wife, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas (Peter)?

To be a celibate is to be outside of the marriage institution by choice. It has to be by choice meaning you must be fully man or woman and capable of coming into holy matrimony. But for

the love of Christ and given the special endowment given to one, one has chosen to forfeit this feature of matrimony. Jesus our Lord and Savior was one of the Celibates. The apostle Paul, Timothy, and Titus are others [Timothy and Titus in all probability]. But what good does celibacy confer on any or what evil does it bring upon mankind if all were to be celibates? To start with, and as argued by the very apostle Paul in chapter 7 of this same book, one who is not married is saved from the rigors and harrows of marriage. He is not obliged to worry about his wife and children, the initial problem Moses had with his wife Zipporah is absolutely absent from such a person. In effect, he or she has more time for the work of God and is mono focused not multi focused. But does celibacy give one automatic qualification to heaven? Certainly no is the answer. Otherwise all one needs do is to forgo marriage and straight one is in heaven. In other words, celibacy or not has nothing to do with making heaven. Marriage you want to know is purely earthly. If one is not a celibate, one does not lose heaven. As a matter of divine truth, qualification into making heaven by which I mean being in the New City is faith in the Lord God Almighty simply and abiding to the end. If all were to be celibates, then there would be no procreation. Secondly, the very reason of creating the woman would be defeated. Then God would be shown to be foolish or short sighted or both to put it mildly. In conclusion we see that being a celibate does not confer any special blessing on one, and not being one does not make one forfeit anything before God. What matters is for each of us to know and remain in our individual callings according to His power that works in us. Amen.

PRAY you are this knowledgeable always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Ezekiel 45-46; 1 John 2

DECEMBER 4TH LEARNING FROM THE EXAMPLE OF PAUL AND BARNABAS

READ 1 Corinthians 9:6 "Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from dong manual labor for a livelihood [in order to go about the work of the ministry]?

From today's Scriptural verse especially in the context of yesterday's, it is obvious apostles whom we have defined as special messengers of Christ the Lord were exempted from working extra-ministerially so that they can be well focused on the work of the ministry. But then there were exceptions as seen in both the apostles Paul and Barnabas. They actually worked with their hands in addition to the rigors of ministerial responsibilities. In the case of the apostle Paul as given later in this chapter, he did not want his glorying in the Lord God to be rubbished if he was living on the ministry. As a matter of divine truth, Paul maintained he would rather die than allow this to happen. Put another way, the apostle Paul never wanted anybody to misinterpret his living on the ministry were he to have done that as people are prone to reading wrong motives to acts particularly when it involves money. My own view is all should act the way the Lord has instructed him or her. I was lecturing when God called me and working profitably from my academic training by the time I was called into full time minister. Yet I have never received any pay from the church to date. Occasions arose when I needed money for survival. In these instances I lived on whatever the church could afford. But salary, I have never been that graced

and I never would be by choice and by His instruction at the same time. He has been providing for all my needs as well as wants where He wants to spoil me a little. You too can be this blessed based on His calling upon your life. But mimic no one please. You are most blessed, amen.

PRAY you are true to His calling upon your life

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY- Ezekiel 47-48; 1 John 3

DECEMBER 5TH SOWING SPIRITUAL AND REAPING IN THE MATERIAL

READ 1 Corinthians 9:11` "If we have sown [the seed of] spiritual good among you, [is it too] much if we reap from your material benefits?"

The point in today's ministration is the truth not just the fact that he who works at the altar of God is obliged under every normal circumstance to feed by the altar he keeps and wets daily. Normal in the sense that he can have a different order and instruction from the Lord. This is but one. Perhaps more importantly, the congregation he directly serves must know that they are obliged to provide for his sustenance and I mean meaningful sustenance. I k now of some unorthodox churches and congregations who stress the contents of Matthew 10:10 without providing enough for their ministers. It will interest you to know that when the Israelites neglected the Priesthood at some points in their existence, the Priesthood also neglected the people as each priest went in search of sustenance. The point is we should know and rigidly adhere to it that ministers are not at our mercy. They are ministering to our spiritual being and aspect the same that empowers our physical nature. As a result, an obligation is laid on us to provide adequately for their needs. Enough should be given to them so as to be fully focused on their ministry without any deviation to looking outside. If our own children go to Private Universities and schools, enough should be given to God's ministers to send their own wards to such schools and higher institutions such that they are not seen as inferior. Ministers of the Word are no beggars and should never ever be so treated. They are God's representatives on earth. What we would not give to our God is not good enough for His earthly representatives at the same time. Remain blessed in His Grace, amen.

PRAY you are in tune with the Lord God

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel 1-2; 1 John 4

DECEMBER 6TH COMING INTO GREATER KNOWLEDGE OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

READ 1 Corinthians 9:13 "Do you not know that those who are employed in the services of the temple get their food from the temple? And that those who tend the altar share with the altar [in the offerings brought]"

Why bring offerings at all into the house of God? Is it for God to be fed or the heavenly priests who are His angels? Certainly no. The reason why offerings are brought into the Houses of God is for the people who wait on God to be so fed. If God were to be hungry as seen in Psalm 50, He

would tell no man nor would our God feed on the flesh of rams and goats. Indeed if He needs any of these, since He created and sustains them, it is most easy for Him to lay His hands on them. He needs not even lay His hands of them. All He needs do is to say a Word and all He needs is already His. So why order that special offerings be brought to His House and why order that the best part of His offerings as seen in Numbers 18 be that of His Priests? It is for them to be provided for enough so much that they could give out but only to those qualified to eat therein. Without adequate provision for God's ministers, the priesthood will be barren of informed and capable hands. Even the riff-raffs that would remain will so do only for a while. For all who will not work must not eat. By the same token all who would work and work assiduously are worthy of adequate, sufficient, and noble food and recompense. This is the point here being highlighted. Apart from the salaries paid out to these clergy and non-clergies all who work for the sustenance of His work, gifts are also to be given out to men and women of God as we are blessed by God Who alone distributes all blessings and wealth. You do this and have abundance of His grace splashed on you the more. Alleluia.

PRAY you are this blessed in His knowledge

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel 3-4; 1 John 5

DECEMBER 7TH LEARNING THE SECRET OF GAINING MORE FOR CHRIST JESUS

READ 1 Corinthians 9:19 "For although I am free in every way from anyone's control, I have made myself a bond servant to everyone, so that I might gain the more [for Christ]."

In today's Scriptural verse, we see the apostle Paul expounding on his received revelations from the Almighty as it involves His doings with the whole world for which Christ Jesus was crucified but with particular reference to the Gentiles. Here he maintains he is not under anybody's control whether super apostles who had approved of his calling or whoever for that matter. Nevertheless we see him tech us total submission and humility the like of the Lord Himself in becoming everything to everybody for the sake of evangelizing Christ Jesus and making disciples for Him even where one thinks it is most impossible. Here we see him declaring openly that although he was free from any Laws of restriction as far as his liberty in Christ was concerned, yet, he considers himself a bond servant to everyone; meaning he was prepared to go to any length in preaching God in Christ as long as the Grace of God was there for the purpose of winning that person or persons to Christ Jesus. So it is no surprise that in another of his treatise he noted that he regarded nothing important or that he would never boast save for the Cross of the Master in which he Paul was crucified for the world and the world crucified for him as circumcision or not meant nothing in faith. So what is holding you back from ministering His Word to all around you today? Break free from same and be a bond servant for Christ the Lord in His all.

PRAY you will be free in Christ to serve in whatever way He chooses

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel 5-7; 2 John

DECEMBER 8TH NOTING THE RACE THAT IS THE FAITH OF JESUS

RED 1 Corinthians 9:24 "Do you not know that in a race all runners compete, but [only] one receives the prize? So run [your race] that you may lay hold [of the prize] and make it yours."

Perhaps you do not know and quite truly too that the Christian calling is a race for and in the Lord with its already marked out course for every individual. Just as in the natural race and racing, everyone runs out his heart or is expected so to do, but only a few in most cases three receive the first three crowns. In the same way, we run the race of our lives in the Christian faith. But unlike in the natural, all who finish well; all who abide to the end in the Faith and faithfully too will receive any of the seven available crowns. Indeed, all can receive the seven crowns each if faithfully accomplished. But there are issues to be noted here in this race like in the natural and some unlike in the natural. You can't change course. You can't change your lane and run into another's lane. Unlike in the natural, you don't determine which race you enter for. You have the race thrusted on you and the course clearly delineated by Him Who reigns in the Kingdom of men and angelic beings. Sometimes unlike the natural the course is not visible but nonetheless marked out. You have to run by faith and faithing in Him and you have to rely on Him for strength and power to finish and at the end you have to give Him the glory for Who He is and What He has been in you busy doing.

PRAY you are this blessed

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel8-10; 3 John

DECEMBER 9TH LEARNING TO RUNNING NOT UNCERTAINLY

READ 1 Corinthians 9:26 "Therefore I do not run uncertainly (without definite aim). I do not box like one beating the air and striking without an adversary."

If our call and calling is a race that is already mapped out for us even before we come out of our mother's womb, then we have to run and run with an aim. May be a better expression is running with the fixed aim for which you have been called. With Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior as seen in Hebrews 12:1ff, He for the joy of obedience that was laid out for Him kept going along the path already mapped out for Him. He could have submitted to another form of death apart from the cross and at different time from the one apportioned by His Father. But that would have been of no effect, null and void. He could even have refused to die at all and return to heaven. I am not sure that would have made Him to stop being the Second Personality of the Godhead. But certainly He wouldn't have had the honor bestowed upon Him as we come to know it today. For instance no one could have been praying the Father in His name. After all, those before His dispensation never knew of Him not to talk of His name let alone praying in same. But because He was purposed in line with the path marked out for Him even before the foundation of the earth, He was able to fulfill His course at the expected time and place and manner. This is the point in today's ministration-run with the purpose of being who and what He has purposed you from eternity beginning. I have spoken His truth to you today once again.

PRAY you are this blessed in Him always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Daniel 11-12; Jude

DECEMBER 10TH BEING BLESSED IN THE FAITH

READ Psalm 32:1 "BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) is he who has forgiveness of his transgression continually exercised upon him, whose sin is covered."

To be blessed of the Father and God of all including of course Jesus Christ of Nazareth is to be accepted into the Faith that is Jesus the Nazarene. Once truly accepted into same by professing faith in Him, there can be no greater blessings for one in this earth and those to come than this. But because of space and time we would only examine a few. Here as noted, to be blessed in His faith among others is to have forgiveness of one's transgression continually exercised upon one. And herein comes the source of the blessedness. The continual exercise of the forgiveness is the issue at stake. If one sins and there is no forgiveness exercised in one's favor just this once, one is dead both physically and spiritually too. Should one sin a million times a day, 365 days a year and all the days of one's life even if one were to live for a thousand years and continually have forgiveness available in His Blood exercised in one's favor is as good as never having sinned at all. May be you have not yet gotten the image and the message. Assume you are in debt of two million dollars for which your all were to be forfeited. And just before the execution of the judgment a reprieve comes around. And the next moment you are in debt double this much and judgment was obtained but again before execution, reprieve came and it continues like that all the days of your life; I want to assure you that he who is living on his income of a thousand dollar a year is not as blessed as you are. And with this knowledge of the availability of this Presidential Pardon, and we are talking of God's Presidential Pardon, who is more blessed than me Segun Rufai? This then is the message of all messages for you today. Amen. Glory is God in the highest heavens, alleluia.

PRAY you are in the commonwealth of the Almighty.

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Hosea 1-4; Revelation 1

DECEMBER 11TH SOME SALIENT TRUTH OF THIS PRESIDENTIAL PARDON

READ Psalm 32:5 "I acknowledge my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord [continually unfolding the past till all is told]-then You [instantly] forgave me the guilt and iniquity of my sin. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!"

One basic condition or rather feature of this continual exercise of His forgiveness of all our sins from now until eternity is our confession. To start with, the first step into coming into His Faith is the true confession of ourselves as we are without one plea otherwise termed profession of our faith to Him following the conviction by the Holy Spirit in our heart. For no one will truly confess his or her sin willingly until the Holy Spirit has convicted him or her whether or not the

person is aware of the workings of the Holy Spirit. Once confessed before coming into the Faith, continual confession guarantees continual exercise of His forgiveness upon us. If we fail to confess our sins, then we would fail to have His continual exercise of forgiveness in our favor. Confession then becomes the central power behind His exercise of forgiveness in our favor. Look at it this way. Before you can confess, you must first accept your guilt as well as the iniquity of your sin. This is known otherwise as acknowledgment of our sin. The Scripture has noted that if we deny being sinners then we hold Him false and the Truth Who is God is not in us. But if we confess our sins, He is merciful and gracious and the Blood of His Son Jesus Christ cleanses us from all our sins. So what is it to confess as here explored? It is to make open that which had been done in the secret to Him Who all the while was seeing us even before we commit the sin. Once we confess all to Him then He is open to forgiving all. The only limitation is the extent of our confession and the expanse of same. So go and cultivate this habit today with the help of His Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAY you are this humbly bold in Him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Hosea 5-8; Revelation 2

DECEMBER 12TH COMING INTO HIS PROMISES UPON CONFESSION

READ Psalm 32:8 "I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you."

Once we have come into His forgiveness based upon our confession of it all to Him unreservedly, He has promised us as seen in this Scriptural verse to do two things for us that will see us through the days of our lives righteously. One, He has promised to instruct us because once we are forgiven we have a clean slate as if we had never ever sinned. We are then seen as He is seeing Jesus Christ His beloved. Put another way, every confessed sinner has the garb of Jesus Christ or His clothing be it *Agbada* or *Babanriga* put upon him such that Jesus Christ the Saint, the Righteous the Never-Ever-Sinned is seen in this person's place. In short, this person is now as Righteous as Jesus Christ His Son. Having attained this level, the next is for the Lord to continually instruct the new creation, meaning we become newly created every time we confess our all to Him and are this cleansed. Secondly and by no means inferior, He would counsel us with His eyes being upon us. So what does this mean? You will note that we have been talking of walking His righteous path and course already purposed for each f us before we are even called physically into His fold here. In this wise He ensures that 24/7 His eyes are upon us to see us through the chosen path without our deviating from same at all. So what else does one want than this? Alleluia. Amen.

PRAY you will ever appreciate this much in Him

HIS B LOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Hosea 9-11; Revelation 3

DECEMBER 13TH SORROW TO THE WICKED; RIGHTEOUS ENCOMPASSMENT FOR THE RIGHTEOUS

READ Psalm 32:10 "Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but he who trusts in, relies on, and confidently leans on the Lord shall be compassed about with mercy and with loving-kindness."

We glory in the truth of the Word of God the same that assures us repeatedly that we are safe and perfect in His Faith. This morning we are approached with this new revelation in that it is coming anew to us today-that the righteous meaning all who have trusted in the Lord God Jesus Christ of Nazareth are fully compassed around and about by the inalienable glory of the Lord all the days of their lives and living here on earth. What happens in the heavenly is already a foreknown and foregone conclusion-bliss as never before witnessed by any here yonder. For the wicked meaning all who have consistently refused to side with the Gospel and Him that is set ahead of same have sorrows upon sorrow here on earth the climax of which is to be seen and witnessed in the dungeon that is hell. Do not be deceived, hell is real. It is as real as the New City itself. So where are you now and where will you be then? Here on earth I am compassed around in His Strength and Glory. Job who never was as glorious as any Christian today was so compassed that even Satan could not penetrate him and all that were his. He needed to seek God's permission to violate his sanctity and even then only to the extent given him by His Almighty. I am blessed. I am in the Lord and I am immuned from all that He has not purposed for me. Not because I am anything but because Christ Jesus Whose Righteousness I put on is Mighty and Righteously Holy.

PRAY you are into this same blessing available to all who so desires

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Hosea 12-14; Revelation 4

DECEMBER 14TH BEING GLAD AND REJOICING IN THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

READ Psalm 32:11 "Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you [uncompromisingly] righteous [you who are upright and in right standing with Him]; shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"

Gladness is a synonym for joyfulness both different and distinct from happiness. They are so different in that they are sourced from within, by which I mean they evolve from within the individual based on his or her faith in the Lord. How do I mean? Joyfulness and rejoicing can only be sourced from the Lord. They are not part of the individual person or personality but could be accessed through faith, faith in the Precious Blood of the Lamb by which you and I are redeemed. Accordingly if you do not have Christ Jesus truly in your life, there is no way you will be joyous or gladdened in the sense we are using the expressions here. For instance, I have no penny on me now; neither do I have anything worthy in any of my accounts anywhere. But I am not only peaceful and contented, I am not at all fearful of the unknown; for there is nothing unknown to the Lord God Who reigns. I may not know what is coming but He already knows and has taken charge. So I glory in the Lord always. He is my Joy. He is the source of my gladness. So whether the times are physically good or not, I joy in the Lord for I know my times are in His

hands and He Who cannot lie has promised me the purpose He has fashioned for me is for my good, the best good possible for me to bring me to the expected end as He will do me no evil. Amen.

PRAY you will repose maximum confidence in Him today and always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Joel 1-3; Revelation 5

DECEMBER 15TH COMING TO TERMS WITH THE SECRET OF PLENTIFULNESS ALWAYS

READ Proverbs 3:10 "So shall your storage places be filled with plenty, and your vats shall be overflowing with new wine."

After coming into the Faith that is Jesus, what must I do to have this Scriptural verse always true of my position and all that is mine? Verse 9 becomes imperatively relevant at this junction. It says: "*Honor the Lord with your capital and sufficiency [from righteous labors] and with the firstfruits of all your income;".* In other words, my coming into the Faith of Christ is for me to know what is expected of me and to do accordingly without any prodding. As long as I do this I am okay. Peradventure I refuse so to do, I am left to my faith for the unbeliever who knows not what to do will be better off than me in this circumstance. So what am I supposed to do here for instance? First I am supposed to honor the Lord God with my capital and sufficiency. So what are my capital and sufficiency here? My capital is my all; my life and all that is me. It is simply not just my gross earnings. No. I am more important than my gross worth in as much as the owner of the house is more than the house built no matter how beautiful and edifying the house may be. Your capital is your life. By subjecting this to the Lord Who gave you and makes you, you are honoring Him. The opposite is the case if you withhold doing this. Jesus showed us His honoring of the Lord God His Father by giving His capital to the Lord God Who required same. Next is the firstfruits of ALL YOUR INCOME. Your first fruits is the first of such blessings in any given year or season. If the first dollar I am given in the year comes up in November, this is my firstfruits for the year. Peradventure the first pounds sterling or naira I earn is in January, it is my firstfruits. It belongs to the Lord God just as the first male that opens the womb is to be dedicated to the Lord God Almighty. You are blessed in this revelation knowledge. AMEN.

PRAY you will be able to live by this command

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Amos 1-3; Revelations 6

DECEMBER 16TH LIFTING UP OUR EYES UNTO THE LORD GOD ONLY

READ Psalm 123:1 "UNTO YOU do I lift up my eyes, O You Who are enthroned in heaven."

How does one lift up his or her eyes unto Him Who is seated in the heavenly as opposed to any other? Or better still what does lifting up one's eyes to Him forbids one from doing and what obligation does lifting one's eyes upon Him impose on one? To start with, we all at one time or the other have had cause to sing this Psalm or pray it or do one thing or the other that is

tantamount on the whole to this. So what does this Psalm import? If I am lifting my eyes unto Him Who is enthroned in heaven, I am asking Him through Jesus Christ His Son to do one thing or the other for me. I am looking forward to His doing it. I believe He is not only capable of doing it for me but He is also willing so to do. But sometimes deep within us, we also expect that His doing will come through a personality who we already have in mind; or to whom we are going for help. I am of the opinion based on my experience with the Lord as humbly few as it is and my exposure to His Word that if I am looking up to Him, I am only to seek His intervention in the act or thing. How He does it or when and the personae He would eventually use is His own responsibility. If I am going to the Lord and expecting that He would use A or B, then I am taking my focus off Him. There is a difference of course in my requesting Him to give me favor before A or B that I am going the day after or something like that. We conclude therefore that if we are looking up to Him we give Him the free hand to do it His own way. We are forbidden to dictate to Him or manipulate His way if that were ever possible. When I am looking up to Him I am obliged to depend on Him totally and on nobody else. Alleluia.

PRAY you will let Him have His way in you

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Amos 4-6; Revelations 7

DECEMBER 17TH KNOWING HOW YOUR EYES MUST LOOK UP TO GOD

READ Psalm 123:2 "Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, and as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until He has mercy and loving-kindness for us."

I have been privileged to lodge in 5 Star hotels both here in Nigeria as well as outside of the shores of this county. The practice which is as good as the norm is for the waiter and waitress to wait on you until you are done. There is no question about this. For as long as you are there, he or she waits on you unless he or she has to move in the course of serving you. If it were a buffet, then you are almost there indefinitely and for that long she waits or he waits on you. Waiting on someone therefore is an act of staying for as long as the person needs you and until he or she dismisses you. It is the same image that is brought in here and is being stressed. Just as the maid servant waits on his master or the maid waits on her mistress so am I expected and supposed to wait on the Lord until He swings His mercy golden staff at me. It is not the other way round. He determines how long I am to wait and not me specifying the time or putting pressure on myself as if on Him to respond. Waiting until His appointed time for us in all matters is what is highlighted here. You will recollect that although Queen Esther was the Queen and the wife of her husband the King, she had to wait until the King pointed the golden staff to her. She could not on her own walk in or refuse to observe the protocol if she were to continue in her position. Remember Vashti the previous Queen and be wise. Waiting on the Lord is what it says-wait and keep waiting until He is ready to answer your prayer. This is the norm.

PRAY you are this blessed in Him always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Amos 7-9; Revelation 8

DECEMBER 18TH NOT BEING IGNORANT

READ 1 Corinthians 10:1 "FOR I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, that our forefathers were all under and protected by the cloud [in which God's Presence went before them], and every one of them passed safely through the [Red] Sea."

How can any who is among the brethren in Christ still be ignorant or naïve of the Word of God? In many ways really, and we would only here examine a few. But the truth of God is one can be born again, although not in ignorance but become ignorant of his or her salvation and the conditions attached to successfully abiding in same. Otherwise, this verse will not have been here and others like it one of which is the same writer the very apostle Paul declaring the Berean saints nobler that those of Thessalonica for the formers ardent commitment to Scriptural reading, studying, and meditation the same that led to better understanding of Him and His Way. If after one's conversion which is more of grace in that one is exposed to Scripture by whatever means and in the encounter with the Holy Spirit one for the first time gives in to the Lord; if thereafter one is given to leisure in matters of studying the Word by which one is strengthened and swayed from all evil, one would remain ignorant never mind the regularity of church going which in that case will be mere rituals. If one is however given to searching the Knowledge of His Word regularly and by so doing feeds one's spirit being, there is no way one can be ignorant of the major issues of salvation. As a matter of truth, one will grow steadily in Him. So why be ignorant in being naïve?

PRAY you won't be ever ignorant in Scriptural issues

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Obadiah; Revelation 9

DECEMBER 19TH LEARNING TO PRESENTING ALL YOUR SONS

READ 1 Samuel 16:11 "Then [he] said to Jesse, Are all your sons here? [Jesse] said, There is yet the youngest; he is tending the sheep. Samuel said to Jesses, Send for him; for we will not sit down to eat until he is here."

I pray the Eternal Rock of Ages to always play you up even when those who should shore you up deliberately play you down. I want to hear somebody say a resounding alleluia. Here we are in the house of Jesse the then future grandfather of Jesus the Nazarene. There is no doubt he was versed in the Scriptures of his days and he revered God Almighty. Yet, when it was time for the Lord to appoint one of his children, he left out one of the boys or rather he left out the only boy and you could fathom the reason-who could have thought a boy of 17 written off in all probability would be God's elect to lead His people of Israel including of course his parents and elderly siblings? If the great prophet Samuel could think Eliab was to be chosen, who then was Jesse to think differently? The lesson here is simple-we should all not play down on any including of course our very self. Instead we should all be prepared for God's calling upon our

lives by living His precepts and daily munching on His Word seeking the Holy Ghost leading in our lives. I pray the Lord God Almighty will bless and lead you aright as you journey here in this world. Let me share my personal experience with you briefly. When I was called into His service as the chief servant of His people, because I was determined to do all things right and put square pegs in square holes, I placed people in positions based on their training. I never asked God what was good for each. I failed woefully until I learnt to lean on Him for my all and I mean my all. What I wear and when; where I go and why; what I do and what I will never do is determined by Their Excellencies. In all humility I am not lying, I wait on Them; yet I am yet to wait enough.

PRAY you will learn this humble lesson of waiting and not playing down any

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Jonah 1-4; Revelation 10

DECEMBER 20TH WHEN YOUR SAMUEL WILL ARISE AND GO TO RAMAH

READ 1 Samuel 16:13 "Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah."

You will notice that there was no preparation whether elaborate or otherwise for the anointing of this great prophet and King who was graced to father the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us see it this way-the only effective preparation was the election of him or selection of him by God Almighty from eternity beginning, and his own steadfastness with and in the Lord in that young age of His. Going back a little to highlight the point just made, you will recollect that upon seeing Eliab, prophet Samuel thought in himself this was God's own anointed only to be told by God he had been rejected. If he had been rejected by God it meant in part God had searched him inside out from his inner being to his outer; from his beginning to what will become of all his seeds; from his mother's background to the background of all who will be his in-laws and had found them all unsuitable. There is no denying this fact. When things are like this or rather when the Lord has finished His searching and had concluded that you are the elect of His, there is little your pastor or minister could do, for you are already anointed from the heavenly. All he needs do is to openly affirm what has been ordained in the heavenly. Where heavens had not ordained you into any position anywhere and you manipulate your way or you are manipulated therein, you will fast and fast and pray and yet, you will slump and die spiritually. You have been warned again today. God has again spoken in me to you today. Alleluia.

PRAY you will be elected by Him and not by him

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Micah 1-3; Revelation 11

DECEMBER 21ST KNOWING THE SECRET OF THE LORD'S GREATNESS IN ONE'S LIFE

READ Genesis 26:13 "And the man became great and gained more and more until he became very wealthy and distinguished."

Here we are today with the story not to call it history of the greatness of Isaac the second from and to Abraham and of course the Promise of the Lord. It is interesting that despite the greatness of Abraham the father of Isaac and the enormous temptation and persecution he faced in and with the Lord God, and the abundance of the wealth the Lord had righteously blessed him with, his heir the very Promised Child Isaac had to suffer and map out his life and relation with God. The first lesson here is that righteousness is not hereditary. No one becomes righteous automatically because his father or mother or both are both righteous. The only condition for righteousness and the sustenance of same is working and walking with the Righteous God. No doubt Abraham left wealth, abundance of wealth not only for Isaac but also other children by his other women and I mean his secondary wives. Despite this, God did not allow Isaac to be independent of Him. The second lesson here again is that no matter how much God blesses you, one thing He cannot do and I mean cannot do is to allow you to be independent of Him. No, our God lacks that capability. Instead He specializes in making His own to be dependent on Him for their all. That was why Jesus acclaimed here on earth He could only do nothing outside of God. So Isaac had to walk his own way with the Lord. Even then, his blessings and greatness were not automatic. They were gradual but progressive. I am sure God must have ministered to you a lot in today's Scriptural passage. In conclusion therefore you owe it a duty to work out and walk out your own path and in effect blessings and greatness in the Lord God Almighty. Amen.

PRAY you are this most knowledgeable always

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Micah 4-5; Revelation 12

DECEMBER 22ND HAD NOT THE LORD BEING ON OUR SIDE

READ Psalm 124:1 "IF IT had not been the Lord Who was on our side-now may Israel say-"

I am going to personalize this Psalm or better put, customize the very first verse and apply same to myself. Had the Lord God not been on my side right from my birth, perhaps I would not have been born. If I were born may be not by my parents regardless of my reservations about them and their background. Thus, if God had not been on my side and I was born at the particular time I was born to this parents who in God's opinion and decree were the best to birth me, in all probability, I wouldn't have been a Christian today let alone His ministering prophet and priest. In all probability if God had not been with me, I would have been in the world and I would have been a terrorist of my days which was not suicide bombers but the likes of **Rosso Brigado** which in English Language means Red Brigade of Italy. I was that made up but for His Grace on my side. Were God not to have been with me, even though I am a Christian and a true one really, I wouldn't have been on course of my path in Christendom. How do I mean? I have my total loyalty to God not to sect, or denomination. Thus when God ordered my movement out of my denomination which I had sworn to live in till death, I wouldn't have obeyed. Someone of recent asked me what I would do if God were to order my return there into. I asked him to consider what he was saying in his mouth. If God were to order me to d0 anything today, by His power I

would do it without reservation only that I would establish God has spoken and not any other person. Were God to order my going out of MORWORLD OUTRACH today without looking back, I promise God and myself I would do it and never look back only in His Grace. I am what I am today in all righteousness just because God had been with and in me and would continue so to be till I see Him face to face as He really is. Alleluia.

PRAY you are who and what He has purposed you to be to His Glory

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Micah 6-7; Revelation 13

DECEMBER 23RD WHAT THE ENEMY WOULD HAVE DONE HAD GOD NOT BEING ON OUR SIDE

READ Psalm 124:3 "Then the enemy would have quickly swallowed us up alive when their wrath was kindled against us,"

Let me quickly dispel the satanic and carnal thought that this is a negative thinking. It is not and just one proof will do. The same is that it is the Scripture itself that is initiating this thought and the same is most righteous. In my position of being a ministering saint of His, I have been privileged to minister to people through the negative or negation by which I mean focusing on what would have happened if one were not to have obeyed. This always stems from people wrongly thinking that having obeyed His Word there is nothing to show for it. But what happens if you had not obeyed? One or two life illustrations will do. There was a time I was not yet strong in the Lord. I was not even a ministering saint then. We were at the end of a morning service, and ours being a prophetic ministry, we were told [my friend and I] not to go to Abeokuta the present capital of Ogun State. We heard it loud and clear. The father of my friend was visiting and ordinarily we would have taken him back. So we agreed we would only drop him off at the bus stop or garage. On getting there we thought jointly of taking him as far as Agege. Next we reasoned disobediently that Ifo the midway between Lagos and Abeokuta was not too bad. We went as far as a bus stop to Abeokuta. Then we reasoned again that we could take him to Abeokuta after all we would not take him to the village some few kilometers from Abeokuta. Before we knew it we were in the village gate but we didn't go in and we thought we had not done anything wrong. Honestly we so believed. On our return, once we got to Abeokuta our car ran into a deep valley of about five to ten meters from the highway. Miraculously, we were not hurt at all. And all that was needed was for a few people who were readily available to push back the car on the road. If we hadn't disobeyed or made so to do for it was more of a satanic enchantment, we would not have appreciated His goodness in preserving our lives from dangers even when the good we are expecting is yet to come. Glory is God in the highest heavens. Amen.

PRAY you will always appreciate Him from any and all perspectives

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Nahum 1-3; Revelation 14

DECEMBER 24THBLESSED IS GOD IN THE HIGHEST ALWAYS

READ Psalm 124:6 "Blessed be the Lord, Who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

The best we can say of the Lord God and I mean our God Omnipotent always and every day of our lives and beyond same is to call Him blessed. There can be no better glorification of God by any than to summarize our appreciation of Him as Blessed for that is the best of Him given to us man under the sun of His Grace as at now. You will notice that of the Virgin Mary the arch angel Gabriel said blessed art though among women; and later she herself in her Magnificat noted that from then onward the whole earth would call her blessed for the Most High had done great things for her by allowing her to birth the Messiah. What I am saying is if you are led in your dream or vision of the night or in the spirit of your heart to call God as blessed, believe me you are one of the greatest living. For no one will say Christ is God except by the Spirit of God living in him or her and conversely any who would deny Christ Jesus or say He is accursed is no doubt an antichrist. When we say God is blessed meaningfully, truthfully, and by His Spirit, we allude to the totality of the goodness of God as revealed to man. And of a truth no man will see God as truly blessed particularly in hard times without being in the Lord God truly. The examples of Job the righteous as well as David after the death of the first son by Bathsheba are illustrative enough. Remain blessed in Him perpetual, amen.

PRAY you are in the Lord most blessedly

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Habakkuk 1-3; Revelations 15

DECEMBER 25TH OUR HELP IS FROM THE GOD OF THE HEAVENS ONLY

READ Psalm 124:8 "Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made the heaven and the earth."

Not too long ago, we dialogued on looking up to God as to no other. Today we are developing on this all important issue but from the perspective of the Lord God Himself. How do I mean? By this is meant that we are looking at our sustenance from the viewpoint of the Most High Who is enthroned in the heavenly. When Israel craved for meat in the wilderness I am not sure what they wanted was just flesh as much as craving for their old way of living that was sinful and licentious. There was no way they would have fathomed the possibility of the Almighty raining quails upon them and manna on a daily regular basis for forty years in the wilderness. But that was and that is what our Lord God is made of, if you will permit my language. Our God is the wonder working God Who is all possibilities to and in Himself and there is no impossibility in and with Him. Only when He does not want to do anything or its set time by Him is yet to mature does anything seem difficult or impossible to Him. Who could have thought God would effortlessly raise Lazarus to life from death and putrefaction after four days of decomposition; or who could have expected He would drive the Jordan and the Sea of Reeds backward so simply! No one including Moses could have thought of this mode. That He would save His people any day anyhow was not in doubt. But the particular mode was beyond mankind. It is in this kind that we identify ourselves with the Psalter here today that our Help is the Lord not just in Him, hence to Him is all our praises, amen.

PRAY you are thus graced

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zephaniah 1-3; Revelation 16

DECEMBER 26TH ALL WHO REPOSE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN GOD ARE IRREVOCABLE

READ Psalm 125:1 "THOSE WHO trust in, lean on, and confidentially hope in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides and stands fast forever."

In the context of today's Scriptural verse, to be irrevocable is to be unmoved or immovable by any force anywhere in this universe. It is to be as immovable as the Mount Zion which surrounds and encompasses the whole of Jerusalem thus forming a shield against it from any predator be they man or animal or a conglomeration of these. Mount Zion apart from its spiritual symbolism is literally immovable as it is fixed in its position and positioning forever in its fast and firm entrenchment. As a matter of truth and the divine truth really, reposing confidence in the Lord God Almighty is firmer than the immovable Mount Zion. Why? This is because at some point in time in the universe, all mountains shall fly away in the presence and fearful Being of the Lord Most High on the day of the Lord God as He sits in judgment over all and sundry. But those who repose trust and confidence in God as they rely and lean on God Most High are beyond Mount Zion as God Who is their Confidence and Trust is Everlasting and unchanging. His mood and character are unchanging. What He is today He is yesterday and will be tomorrow. The only Constance in the whole universe is God Almighty. There was a time when the Second Personality of the Godhead had His position and nature changing and changed. He was the Word and still is. He was the Son of God when He pilgrimaged the earth and died. He was the Lamb of God that was slain for which cause He was weak. Today He is not the Lamb again but the ferocious, mighty, and aggressive Second Personality of the Godhead. Unlike His changing nature, God has always been fixed in His nature and Being. Even His Person had been most unchanging. Thus any who reposes confidence in Him is as unchanging as He Himself. Why not become His unchanging partner and being today?

PRAY you will be unchanging in your reposing trust in the Lord

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Haggai 1-2; Revelation 17

DECEMBER 27TH EXPERIENCING HIS ROUND-ABOUT FORTITUDE ALWAYS

READ Psalm 125:2 "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from this time forth and forever."

I have been privileged to visit Jerusalem once and saw for myself all that the Bible records of this great City of the Lord although presently out of the commonwealth of the Savior. I saw the topology of the city whose hilly mountains formed a roundabout compass and hedge round about it. Everywhere you turn in Jerusalem, you saw the rugged mountainous heap of wall round about same. I was being led by my guard in the company of a few visitors when I saw a whitish substance on a mountainous heap. On inquiry I was told that was Mount Hermon where

the Bible records that the dew was and the guard was to inform me and others that was how the dew was all the year round, sun and rain alike. The point really is that you will not lack adequate and necessary protection of the Almighty God of all ages if you consistently repose confidence and trust in Him and diligently follow His instructions. Anything to the country is fraught with danger. Be wise today and repose total and absolute confidential trust in the Living God of the ages. You are most blessed in Him amen.

PRAY we are in the protective hold of the Almighty together

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zechariah 1-4; Revelation 18

DECEMBER 28TH GOD'S GOOD DOING FOR THE GOOD DOERS

READ Psalm 125:4 "Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are right [with You and all people] in their hearts."

Now we are coming to the conclusion of the whole thing. From Genesis to the early part of Revelation, it is God urging everyone listening to come to Him through His Son Who is also His Word with promises of appropriate rewards here on earth as well as in heaven above. But in today's Scriptural verse, we see the Lord openly declaring His readiness to reward all good doers only who are in right mind and heart with the Savior Himself. This same theme is buttressed in reinforcement in the closing verses of Revelation where we are told that all said and done, any who chooses to be evil should continue while those who have sided with the Lord to be good should continue so to be. Why? This is because in the final analysis, all of us will be rewarded or punished as per the good we have done or the evil we choose to do. In reality therefore, just as everyone will determine how long he or she will live based on his attitude towards his or her parents despite God's provision for everyone's longevity, all would determine how he or she should be tested by Their Excellencies in the Day of the Lord. Presently, this Scriptural verse limits God's good doing to only the consistently righteous while the evil doers who are habitually prone to evil doing are excluded there from. You are this blessed for choosing His godliness always.

PRAY you would choose the good over the evil

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zechariah 5-8; Revelation 19

DECEMBER 29TH ALLOWING YOURSELF TO BE BAPTIZED IN YOUR GOD CHOSEN LEADER

READ 1 Corinthians 10:2 "And each one of them [allowed himself also] to be baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea [they were thus brought under obligation to the Law, to Moses, and to the covenant, consecrated and set apart to the service of God];"

Let us remind ourselves of the scenario painted in the verse under consideration. Israel was led out of Egypt by God under the physical leadership of Moses. They got to the Red Sea or the Sea of Reeds by God's design for the purpose of having them all baptized unto Moses under the

clouds and under the waters of the sea without their knowing anyway. I am not even sure Moses himself was admitted to this revelation later given to all saints through the very apostle Paul. Willingly, all allowed themselves to go through this sacrament of baptism even though there was nothing known to the human race until the same was popularized by the very Reverend Apostle John the Baptizer. Had they not allowed themselves to be baptized in this sacramental procedure, there would have been no way they would have partaken in the blessings of salvation. The point I am making here through this Scriptural piece is that salvation is by personal choice as much as this is indicated in the sacrament of baptism. You are pricked in the heart by the Word heard and you decide to give your life to the Lord at that moment. You indicate this heartfelt conviction by submitting to baptism thus publicizing your acceptance of the Lord God. Peradventure you believe not and opt out of the sacrament of baptism, not even the Lord Himself could force you against your will as a free agent of His. So you and I should choose to abide in Him truly. Only you and I can make this decision. It concerns not the Lord God even though we would ask Him for His blessing in this regard. Amen.

PRAY you will allow yourself to be led by His Light always

HIS BLOOD HIS, FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zechariah 9-12; Revelation 20

DECEMBER 30TH LEARNING FROM SCRIPTURAL ILLUSTRATIONS

READ 1 Corinthians 10:6 "Now these things are examples (warnings and admonitions) for us not to desire or crave or covet or lust after evil and carnal things as they did."

By Scriptural illustration here is meant Scriptural warnings and admonitions to all those presently peopling His Church and who are desirous of making it blessedly to the Promised Land. But why the admonition as here indicated? There is need for the admonition for us to keep on the path of righteousness and to prevent any untoward swaying into the abyss. Without the admonition not many of us will realize that the present salvation we are blessed with is not the end. Rather, it is positional and if we safely abide to the end we would get to the end point of our salvation for the present is only put in place for our eventually final salvation as a hope. Yet, hope seen is no hope as no one needs to hope for what is already attained. By learning from the mistakes of the patriarchs of old as well as from their successes, we avail ourselves of the much needed warnings and details of making it to the Promised Land. This is necessary as no one on his own can prevail by the strength of his arm. Instead we prevail in His power yet we have to be knowledgeable enough to avoid pitfalls and not deliberately walk into them as well as cultivating the fertile grounds of knowledge of His path the same that is His Way. You will not be swayed away from His path in Jesus Mighty and Holy Name, amen.

PRAY you are a good learner of His as well as making success of your learning

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YOU TODAY-Zechariah 13-14; Revelation 21

DECEMBEER 31ST NOT COMPLAINING AT ALL

READ 1 Corinthians 10:10 "Nor discontentedly complain as some of them did-and were put out of the way entirely by the destroyer (death)."

In the walk and walking through the wilderness sufferings and wanderings of the Israelites designed originally to teach them the way of Righteousness and to become masters of and in same, the people of God; God's own ordained goofed and complained severally about the necessary hardships they were experiencing. A good example was the one found in Numbers 11 the same that displeased the Lord God of the heavens. The truth of the matter is that complaining from the Scriptural point of view is discontent; whereas godliness and contentment is a great gain. This means if we are discontented against the working of the Lord in our lives, we become rebels to His name and in His Way of righteousness designed to expose us to temptation and for us to overcome same and become strengthened enough to stand against the wiles of the enemy as well as upholding upcoming saints under us. It is the worst thing to rebel against the Words of the Lord either spoken in Scripture or through any of His anointed. There can be no better time for this renewal of His admonition than today which marks the end of an era in our lives and living as well as point to our necessary date and appointment with death. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ Jesus to receive from Him the rewards for the works we have been busy doing here on earth whether good or evil. You are most blessed in Him if you put this to mind today and always. Amen.

PRAY it is most well with you today and tomorrow also

HIS BLOOD HIS FLESH AND YPOU TODAY-Malachi 1-4; Revelation 22

SALVATION IN CHRIST JESUS GUARANTEED ALLELUIA